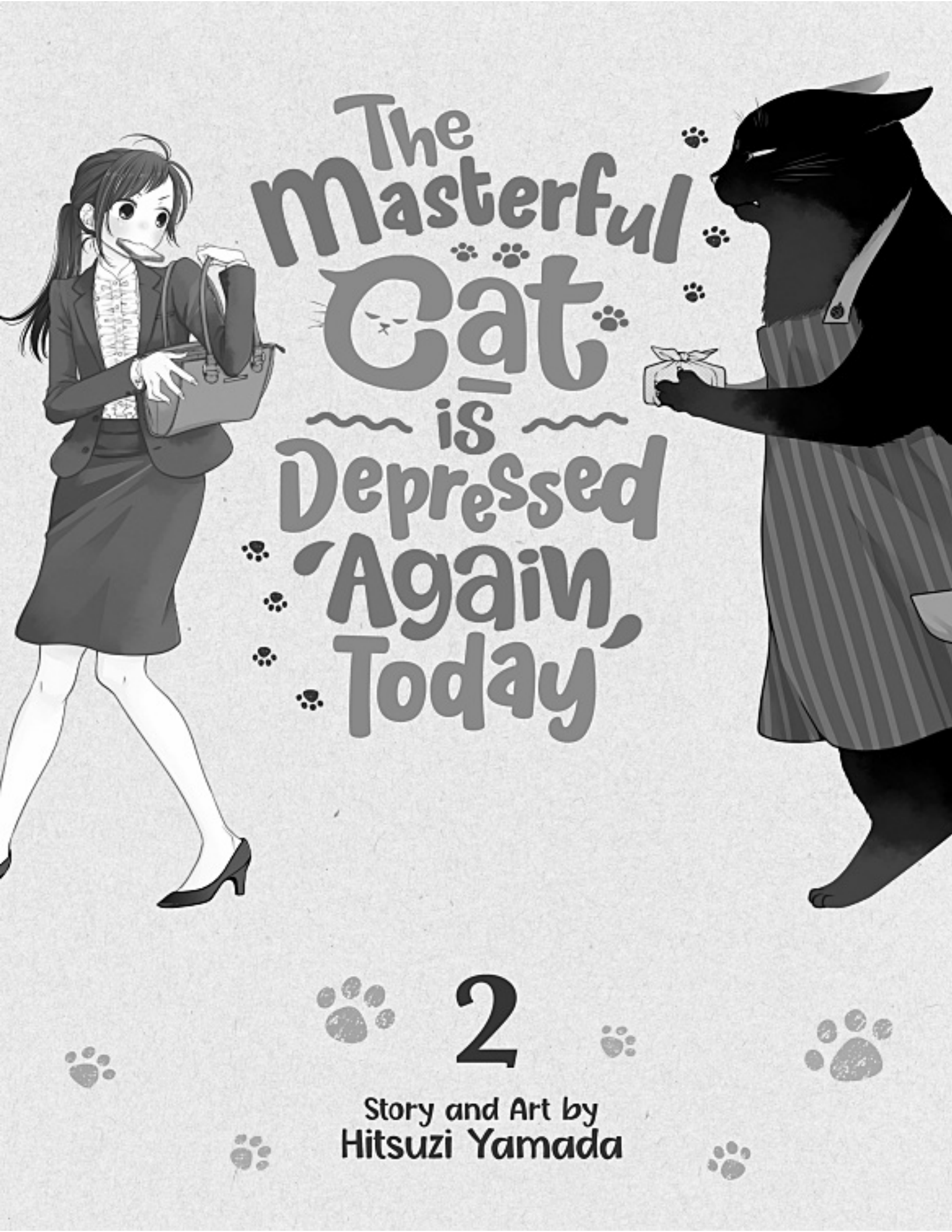
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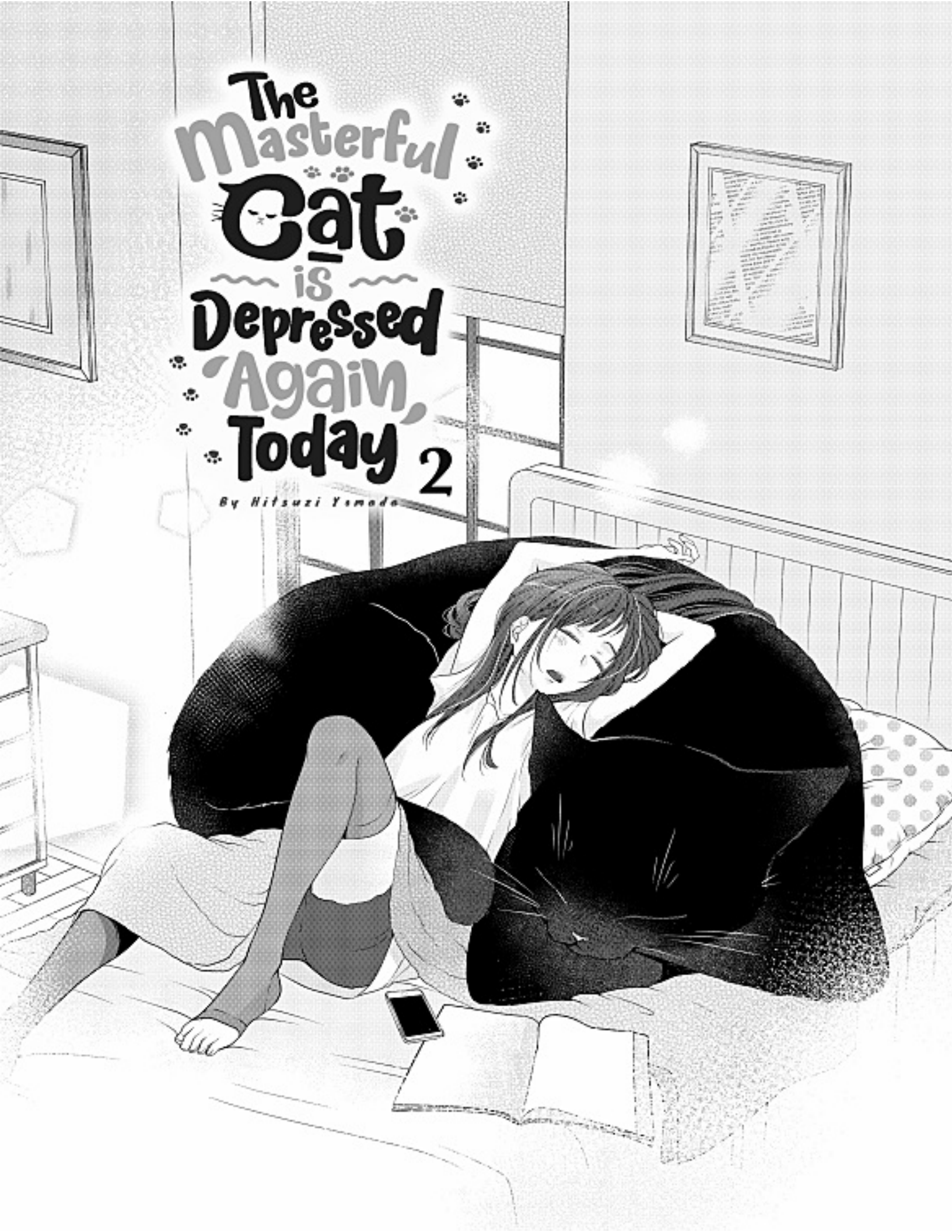
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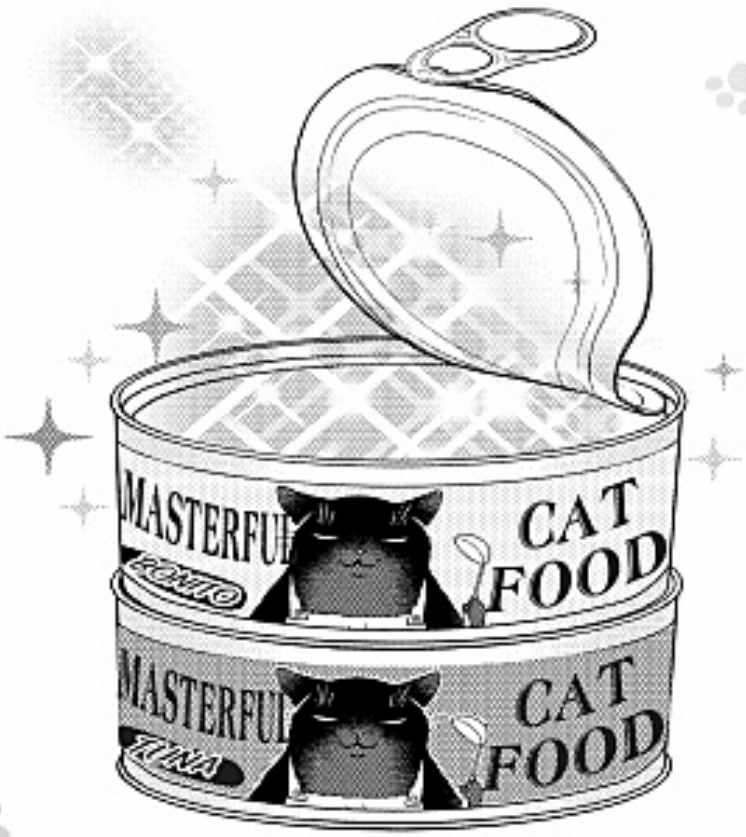


HEY, FUKUZAWA.
EEP!
SIR!
SORRY! I'M ALMOST DONE WITH THE COPIER!
THIS ISN'T RELATED TO WORK.
KA-SHAA
KA-SHAA
KA-SHAA

I HAVE A LETTER FOR YOU FROM YUME.
THE BOSS'S NIECE (AGE 3)
I THINK IT'S AN INVITE TO HER BIRTHDAY PARTY.
WOW!

A-ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO GO?!
IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE I'VE BEEN TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY...
I'VE GOT A BUSINESS TRIP, SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT.
BUT SHE INSISTED THAT I GET THIS TO YOU.
THAT MAKES ME SO HAPPY TO HEAR!

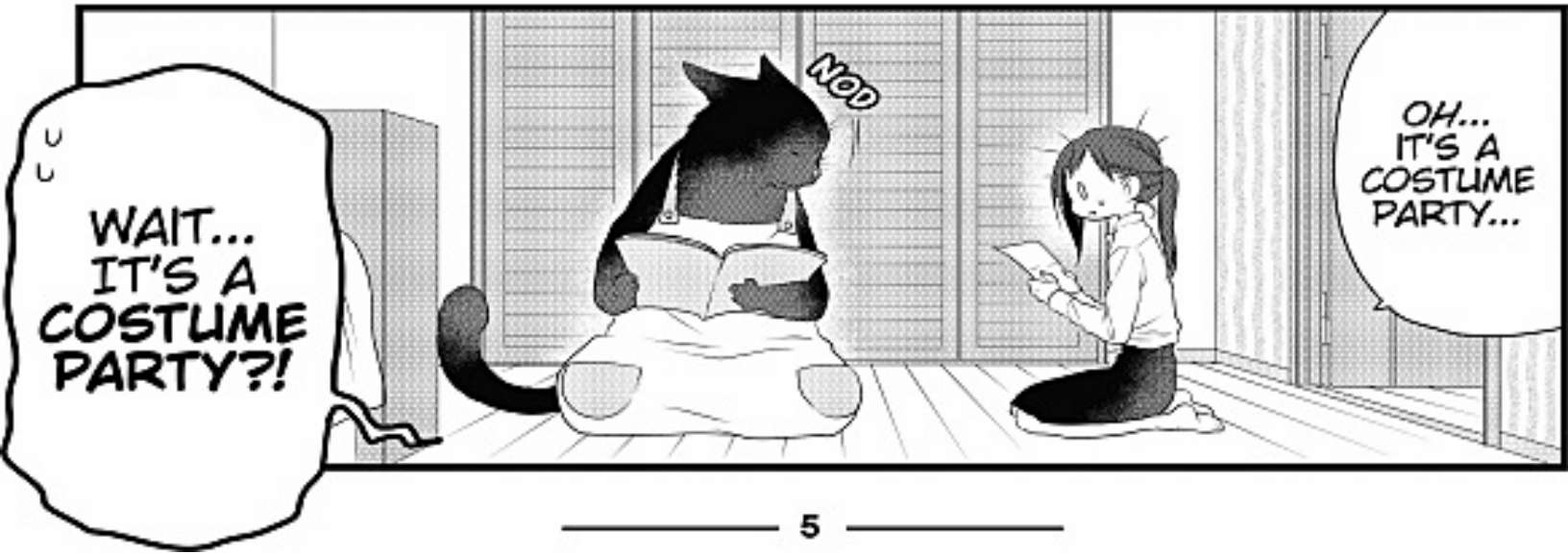
THERE'S ALSO ONE FOR YOUR FRIEND, "YUKI-SAN."
SHWF
COULD YOU TO PASS IT ALONG FOR ME?

AND SO...
WE'RE BOTH INVITED TO YUME-CHAN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.
BUT, MAN... YUME-CHAN IS GOING TO BE SO DISAP-POINTED.
SHE'LL BE SO SAD YOU CAN'T COME.
KA-CHAK
YUKICHI ...?
FWIP
ORANGEPAGE
WAIT, DON'T TELL ME ...?!
POTLUCK RECIPE IDEAS

AND HER FRIENDS TOO!
YUME-CHAN'S FAMILY IS GONNA BE THERE!
POMF
POMF
POMF
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT! YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY PLANNING ON GOING, ARE YOU?!

FWSH
?!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO EXPLAIN YOU TO THEM ...?!

TIME 11:30
LOOK!
★ PLEASE BRING FOOD OR DRINKS TO SHARE!
★ IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL MY MOMMY.
(080-xxxx-xxxx)
PLEASE COME IN A COSTUME! ♪
YUME


WAIT... IT'S A COSTUME PARTY?!
NOD
OH... IT'S A COSTUME PARTY...

IN THAT CASE, YUKICHI SHOULD BLEND RIGHT IN.
ガタン
GA-KLAK
ゴトン
GA-KLAK
ガタン
GA-KLAK
SO IT'S A COSTUME PARTY.

KLAK KLAK KLAK KLAK
KLAK KLAK KLAK KLAK KLAK
……

……
KA-SHAA
KA-SHAA
KA-SHAA

SHE'S SURE IN A HURRY!!
SEE YA.
トチ!! DASH
SORRY, I HAVE TO LEAVE EARLY TODAY!!
WHAT AM I SAYING?! "BLEND RIGHT IN"?! AS IF IT'S GONNA BE THAT EASY!!

I TAKE IT BACK! THERE'S NO WORLD IN WHICH THIS WORKS OUT!! IT'S A DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN!!
KER-CHAK
ガチャッ!!
FLINCH
YUKI-CHI !!
HUFF!
HUFF!
HM? ARE YOU MAKING SOME-THING?
A PRESENT FOR YUME-CHAN?!
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
WAIT, IS THAT STUFFED ANIMAL ...
ALL HER WORRIES
POOF
YUME-CHAN'S GONNA LOVE THIS ~!!
I WANNA BRING IT TO THE OFFICE!
HEH HEH!
A MINI YUKICHI!! I WANT ONE TOO!
IT'S SOOOO CUUUTE~!!

*Japanese schools host annual culture festivals, where students often dress up in themed costumes.

THE DAY OF THE PARTY.
LOOM...
YUKICHI...
WHAT THE HELL ARE WE EVEN DOING HERE?! WE LOOK RIDICU-LOUS!!
THEY'RE GONNA FIGURE IT OUT!
TUG
FORGET IT! LET'S JUST GO HOME!! C'MON, LET'S GO!!
SAKU'S APARTMENT
MAIN STREET
YUME'S HOUSE
A FEW BLOCKS AWAY!!
IF WE GET FOUND OUT, WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE!
ALSO, I HAD NO CLUE YUME-CHAN LIVED THIS CLOSE TO US!!

YAY!! HI SAKU-CHAN!! HI YUKI-CHAN!!
YOU CAME!!
FLINCH
AAALIGH! HI YUME-CHAAAN!!
FLINCH
O-OH! HELLO!
HELLO!
CHATTER
CHATTER
YUME-CHAN, YOUR FRIENDS ARE HERE!!
SHOVE
SHOVE
AH, LIM!
ACTUALLY, WE'RE, LIM...
WOW! HE'S EVEN GOT PAWS LIKE A REAL CAT!
IT SURE IS COLD OUT TODAY! LET'S HURRY ON INSIDE.
COME ON IN!!
I'LL COME DOWN!
WELCOME!!
SLAM...
THANKS FOR HAVING US!!
WAAAAIT!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, YUME-CHAN!!

THANK YOOOOU!!

SO CUTE!

CHATTER

CHATTER

SHE'S SO LUCKY!

DUN DUN DUN

WHY'D YOU HAVE TO GO AND BE THE CENTER OF ATTENTION?!

I'M JEALOUS!

YOU'RE SO SOFT!

WHAT IS THAT...? A GIANT COSTCO BEAR?

MAYBE A TAXI-DERMIC BEAR?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

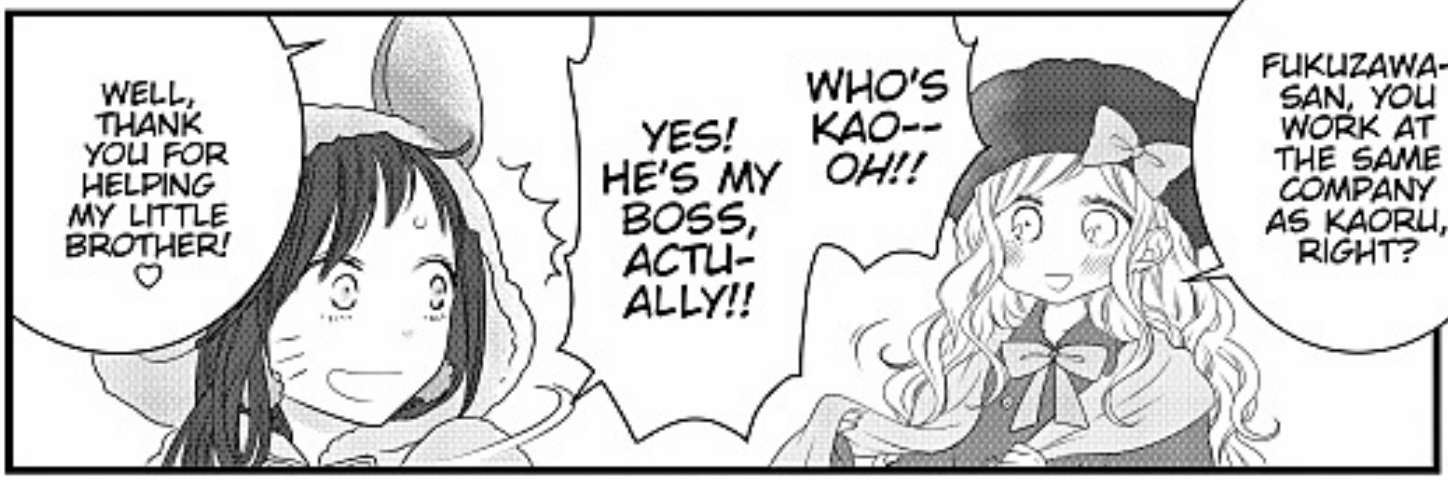
DO YOU WANT US TO MOVE?!

CHATTER

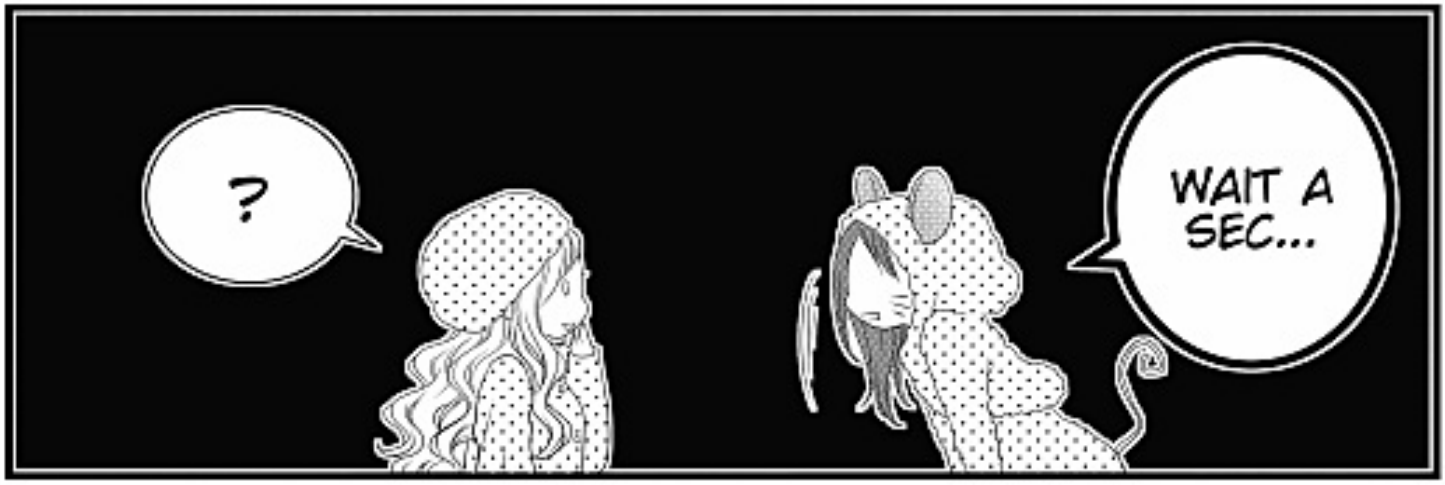
CHATTER

CHATTER

MOMS
IT MOVED!
TUG
TUG
YUKI-CHAN, COME OVER HERE!!
EEP!
C-CRAP!!
CHATTER
TH-THAT THING IS ALIVE...?!
OH NOOOOO!
BEEN WONDERING WHO THE HECK IT WAS.
ACTUALLY, I SEE IT ALL THE TIME AT THE PHARMACY NEAR MY PLACE.
YOU MEAN THE RUMOR IS REAL?!
YOU'VE HEARD THE RUMORS RIGHT? THE ONE ABOUT THE GIANT CAT AT THE SUPER-MARKET?!
THANK YOU, FAKE-CAT-COSTUME COSTUME!
BUT I WONDER WHY THEY'RE ALWAYS IN COS-TUME...
TECH-NOLOGY THESE DAYS IS INCRED-IBLE!
ZIPPER
OH, SO IT IS A COSTUME AFTER ALL!


WELL, THANK YOU FOR HELPING MY LITTLE BROTHER!
YES! HE'S MY BOSS, ACTU-ALLY!!
WHO'S KAO-- OH!!
FUKUZAWA-SAN, YOU WORK AT THE SAME COMPANY AS KAORU, RIGHT?

IT'S NO PROBLEM, I WOULD'VE JUST SLEPT ALL DAY OTHER-WISE...
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORK ON YOUR DAY OFF.
I HEARD THAT YOU ACCOMPANIED THEM TO THE AQUARIUM THE OTHER DAY!
THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TODAY TO YOUR DAUGHTER'S PARTY--
SO THIS LADY IS YUME'S MOM!! SHE'S SO YOUNG!!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WAIT A SEC...

AGE 32
SHE'S OLDER THAN THE BOSS?!
SHE'S OLDER THAN ME?!
YES, KAORU IS MY YOUNGER BROTHER.
DID YOU SAY HE WAS YOUR LITTLE BROTHER ?!

I SAW YUME DRAGGING HIM UPSTAIRS EARLIER.

H-HUH? WHERE DID HE RUN OFF TO?!

I'D HEARD ABOUT HIM FROM YUME, BUT YUKI-SAN REALLY IS A GIANT CAT!

AS IN, THE BOSS'S MOTHER ?! SHE'S HERE ?!

YOUR MOTH-ER...?!

I BET THEY WENT TO MY MOTHER'S ROOM.

!!

IT'S NICE AND BIG, SO WE'RE BORROW-ING IT FOR THE PARTY.

THIS IS OUR PARENT'S HOUSE.

YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

WAY TO LEAVE OUT VITAL INFOR-MATION, BOSS!!

THIS IS SO AWKWARD!

O-OH N-N-NO, NO NEED!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MY BROTHER'S ROOM?

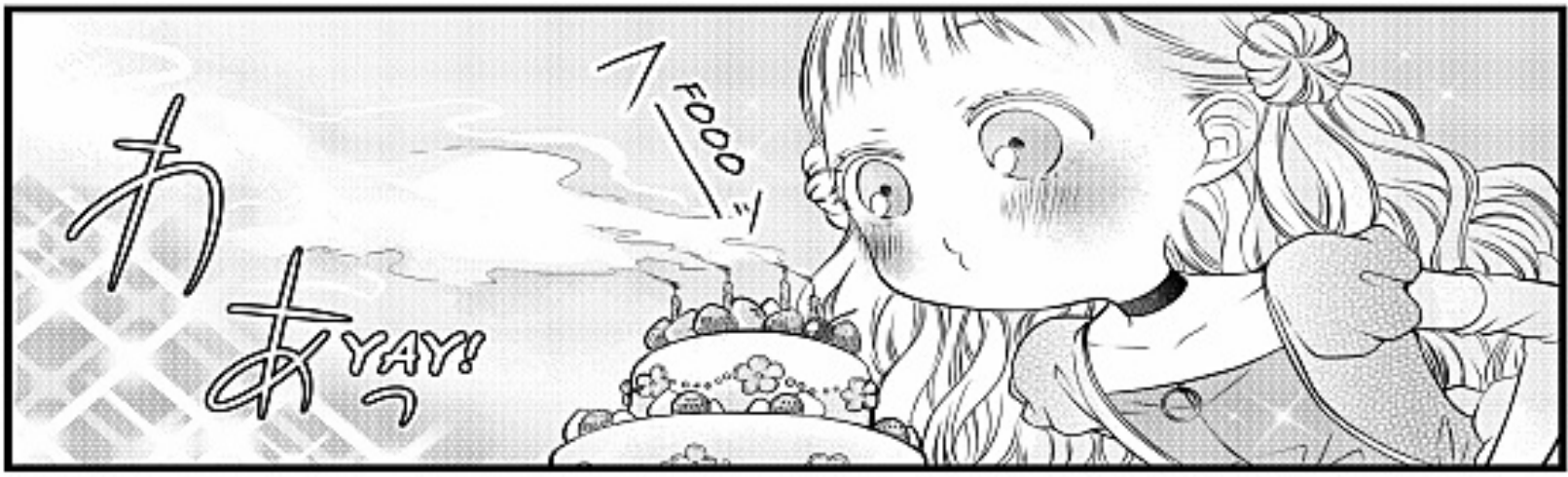
I CAN SHOW YOU HIS YEARBOOK TOO.

YUKI-CHAN, THIS WAY!
THERE'S SOMEONE UPSTAIRS I WANT YOU TO MEET!
IT'S MY GRAMMY!
SWEAT
IT'S OKAY!
MY GRAMMY USED TO HAVE A CAT.
GRR...
JEEZ!
.....
SPRINT
C'MON!
I'VE GOT RARE ITEMS!
ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SEE ALL MY UMYU-SEA STUFF BETTER COME UPSTAIRS NOW!!

THAT MUST BE YUME-CHAN.
I'D RECOG-NIZE THAT ADORABLE VOICE ANY-WHERE.
SQUEAK...
GRAMMY!
PSST!
GRAMMY CAN'T SEE VERY WELL AT ALL ANYMORE.
GULP
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU. I'M YUME'S GRAND-MOTHER.
MY, MY! HE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE?
TP TP TP
GRAMMY, I WANTED YOU TO MEET YUKI-CHAN!

YOU'VE GOT A LOVELY COAT AS WELL.
OHO, YOU REALLY ARE A GIANT CAT. HOW MAGNIFICENT.
SHFF
HE WENT TO HEAVEN LONG, LONG AGO.
YOU REMIND ME OF THE BLACK CAT WE USED TO HAVE.
YOUR MOM SAYS THE PARTY IS ABOUT TO STAR--
OH!
OVER HERE!
TMP
TMP
TMP
YUME-CHAN! YUKICHI! WHERE ARE YOU?!
HE WAS A CLEVER CAT, JUST LIKE YOU.

WHAT A FORTUNATE YOUNG WOMAN YOU ARE...
TO BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH AN ANKO-NEKO.
HEE HEE HEE...
UM, WHAT ...?
I'M SO, SO SORRY!
I SWEAR, HE'S NOT A DANGEROUS CAT!
ARE YOU A MEMBER OF YUKI-SAN'S FAMILY?
WHAM
"THEY'RE LUCKY CATS THAT BRING GOOD FORTUNE."
IT'S SOMETHING MY GRAND-FATHER OFTEN SAID.
"BLACK CATS WERE ONCE CALLED ANKO-NEKO."
YOU TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM, NOW.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YAY!
FOOO

WERE THE BUNS HOMEMADE TOO!?
WHOA, THESE ARE DELISH!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
WOOOW!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY YUME
FLASH
OKAY, SAY CHEESE!

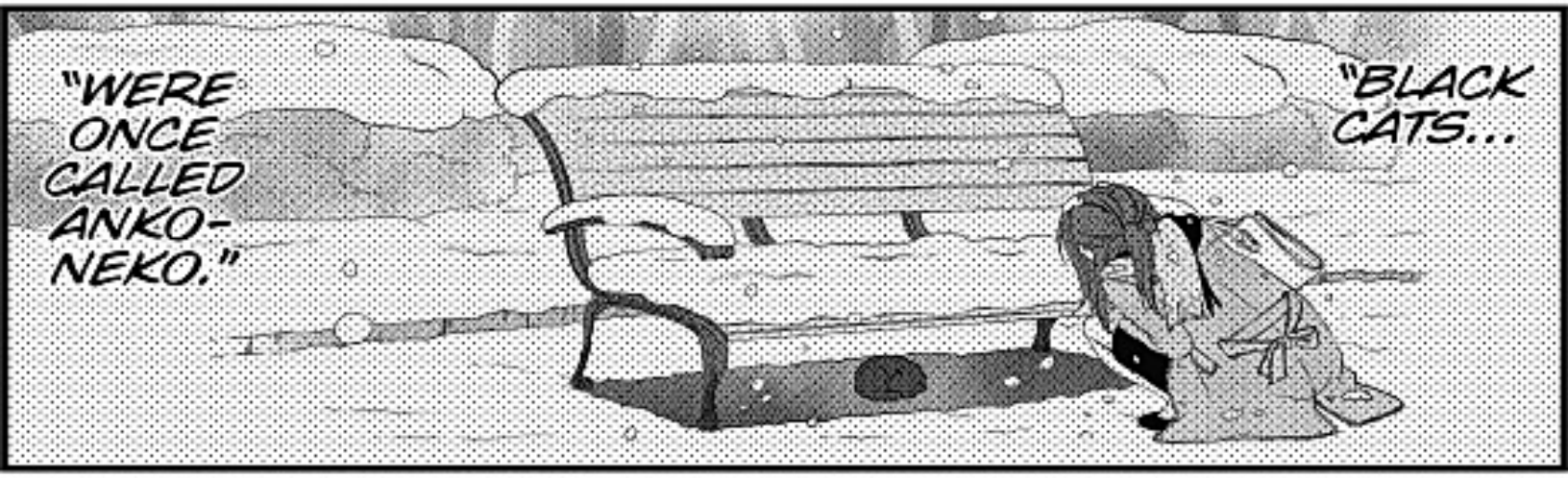
BOW
BYE!!
WAAAH! COME BACK SOON!
THANK YOU FOR COMING!

.....
I'M BEAT!
LOOKS LIKE THE FAKE COSTUME ZIPPER WORKED LIKE A CHARM!
PHEW! I WAS SO WORRIED HOW THAT'D TURN OUT.

?!
ZZP!
ZOOM

SHOVE
WELP!
JUST MAKING SURE IT ISN'T ACTUALLY A COSTUME...

YOU WERE HIDING UNDER THAT BENCH OVER THERE.
OH!
REMEMBER THIS PARK?


"WERE ONCE CALLED ANKO-NEKO."
"BLACK CATS...

AND, MM...
I REMEM-BER...
?

OW, OW, OW! WATCH THE CLAWS!
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SO FOR A SECOND I THOUGHT YOU WERE A CUPCAKE.
I WAS REALLY CRAVING SOMETHING SWEET...

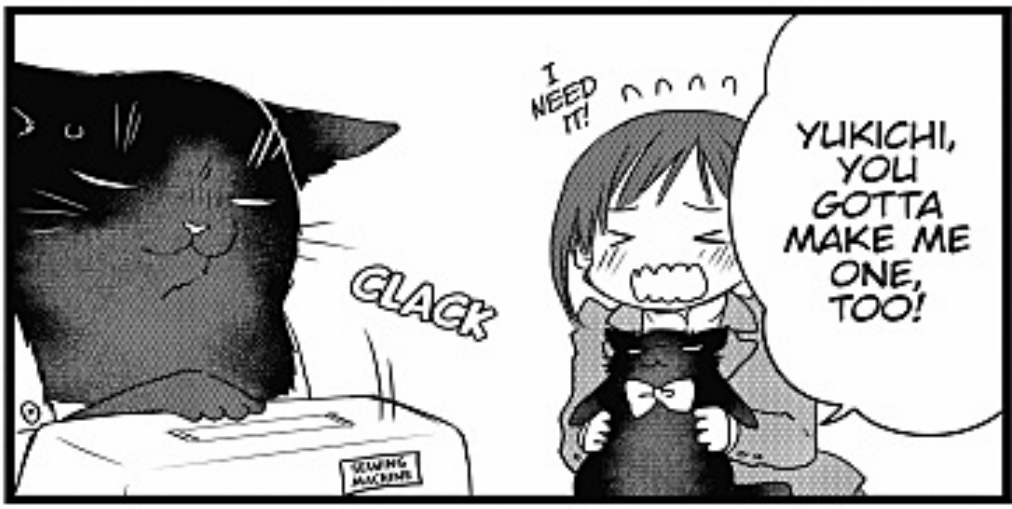
VWOOOOOM
?
VRZZZ
VRZZZ

SIS
Photos from today!
I WONDER IF THAT YUKI-SAN WAS THERE...
AH, THE PARTY.
I'M SURPRISED FUKUZAWA MANAGED TO THROW TOGETHER A COSTUME ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

THE HELL? WHAT'S WITH THE HYPER-REALISTIC CAT SUIT?
SCARY!
.....

VWOOOOOM
I'D BETTER GET HER A SOUVENIR AS THANKS.
GOOD THING I COULDN'T MAKE IT.

WHEN THEY WERE PREPARING THE PRESENT



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*A kotatsu is a low, electric table heater with a special coverlet to retain warmth.

I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU FOR LAST YEAR'S INCIDENT, I SWEAR!
UM...! W-WELL, I DID GET A BONUS THIS YEAR. WHY DON'T WE BUY A NEW ONE?

SO, PLEEE-ASE...!
AND I WON'T FORGET TO TURN IT OFF!
I WON'T EAT OR DRINK AT THE TABLE!
I SWEAR I WON'T BE A TOTAL SLOB WITH IT THIS TIME!

.....

YOUR LACK OF FAITH IS BREAKING MY HEART, YUKICHI!!
HMPH!

YOU'VE BEEN TAKING CARE OF CHORES AROUND THE HOUSE AND SHOPPING OUTSIDE! YOU ENTER THE TINY OASIS THAT IS OUR KOTATSU AND LET ITS GENTLE WARMTH THAW YOUR FRIGID PAWS!!

LISTEN TO THIS!!

THINK ABOUT THIS FOR A SECOND! A KOTATSU IS A MUST FOR A CAT LIKE YOU WHO HATES THE AIR CONDITIONER!

THAW YOUR FRIGID PAWS!!"

BUMP!

"LET ITS GENTLE WARMTH

!!

じっちゃあああ

TOTAL MESS

...?

GRRRR...

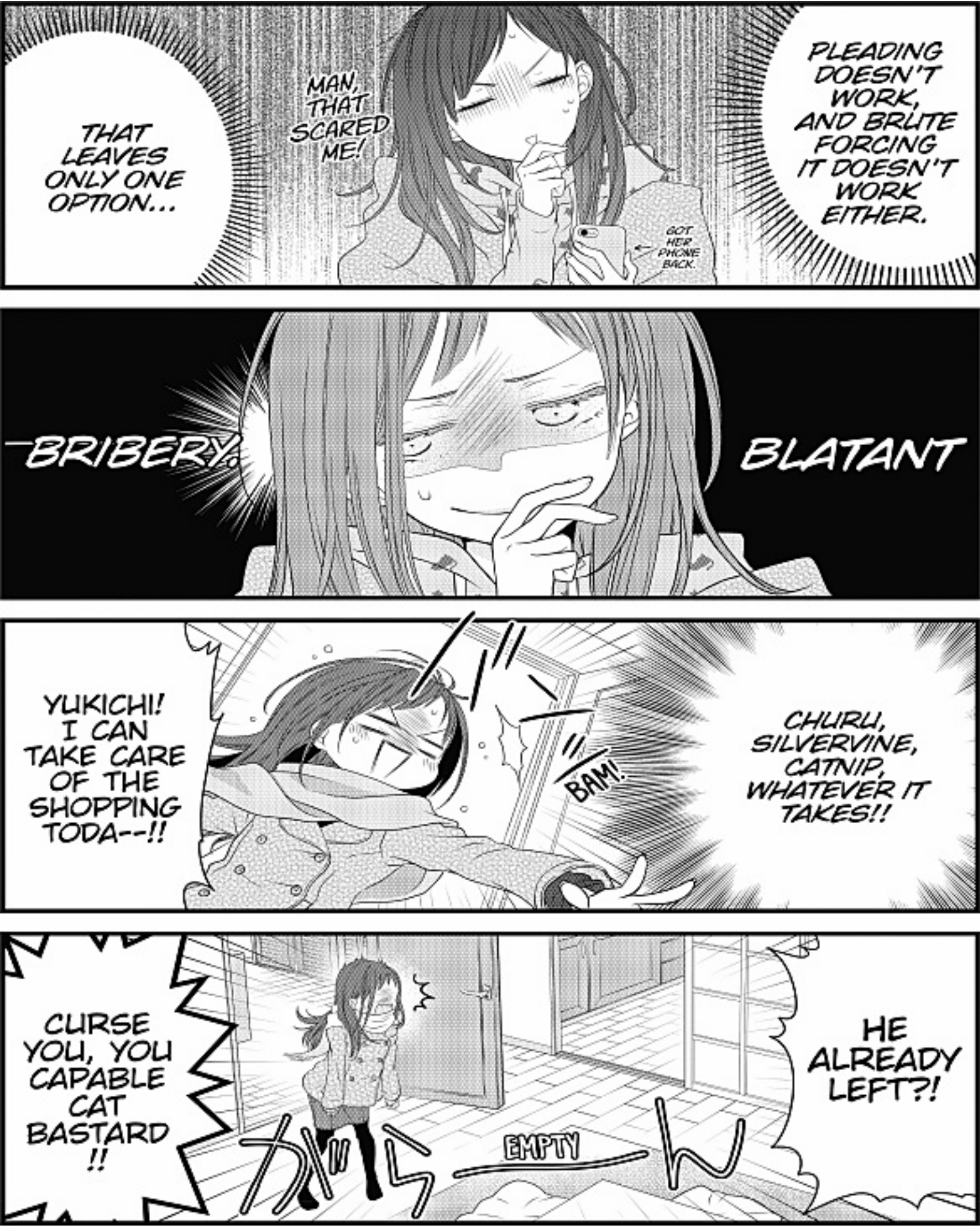
WHY NOT?!

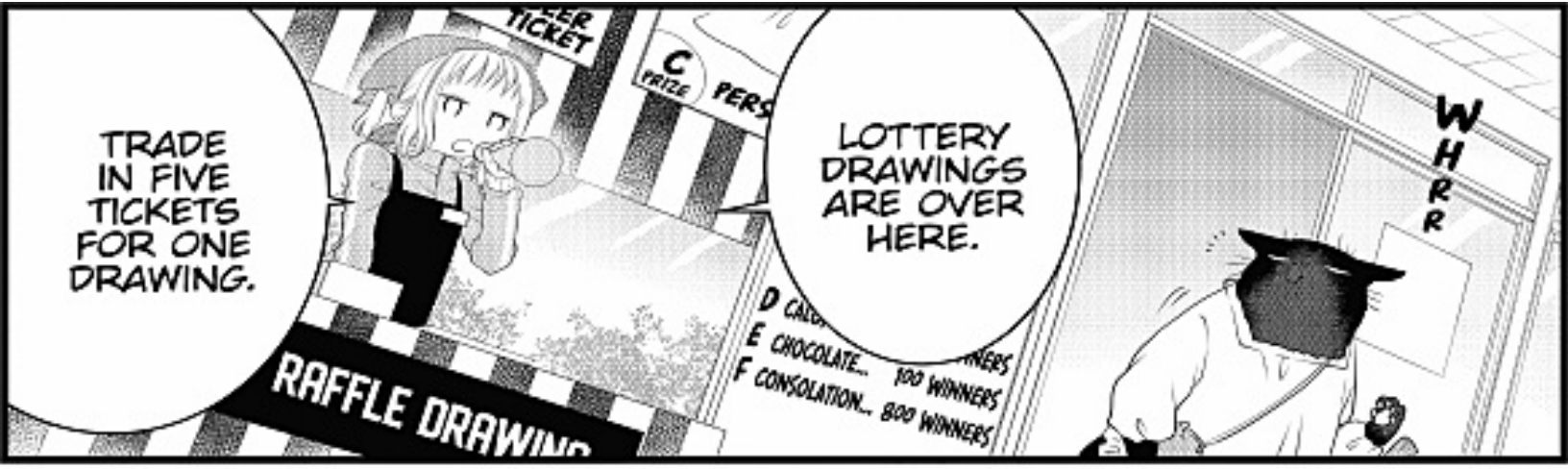
SHOCKED

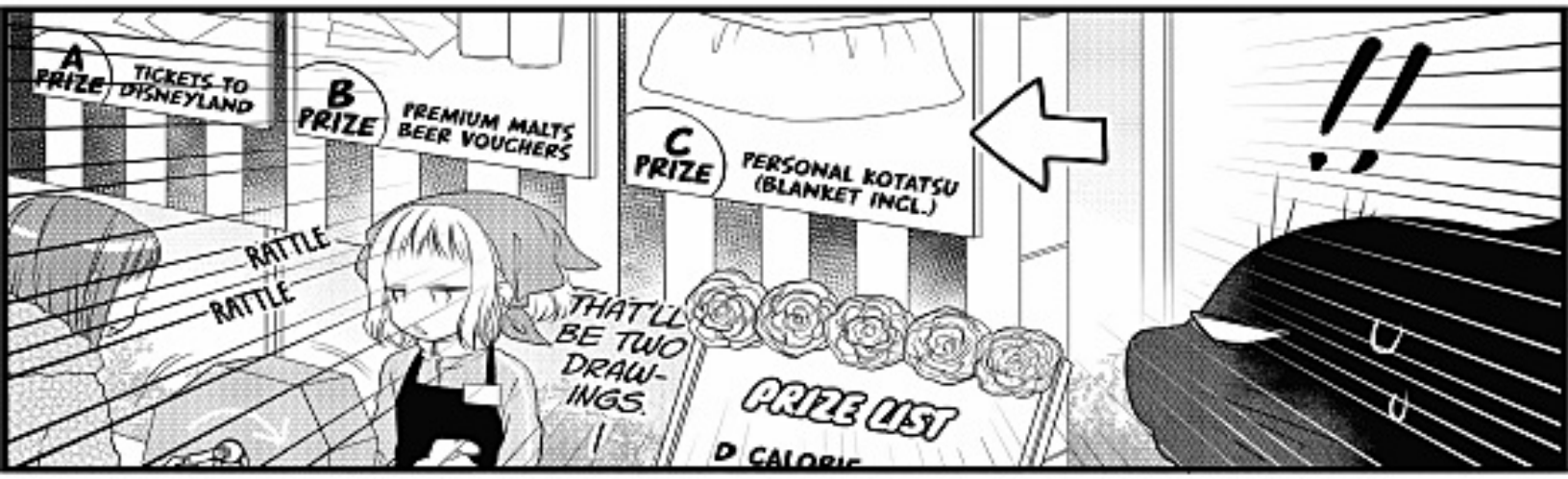
TSK!

SCRUB SCRUB SCRUB SCRUB SCRUB SCRUB SCRUB SCRUB SCRUB SCRUB

LET'S HEAD ON OVER TO AMAZON AND JUST... HIT THIS BUTTON RIGHT HERE...
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
KO
TA
TSU
HE WON'T THROW IT OUT ONCE WE'VE GOT IT. HE'S TOO FRUGAL.
ALL RIGHT, TIME TO TAKE DECISIVE ACTION AND JUST BUY IT!
FLINCH
GRAB!
WHA ?!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING MY PHONE ...?!
.....
DANGLE
AH! AH! AH! AH! AH! AH!
WA-WA-WA-WAIT!
YOU'RE TOO DECISIVE !!
NOOOOOO!!
IN!
BLUP
BLUP
BLUP


THAT LEAVES ONLY ONE OPTION...
MAN, THAT SCARED ME!
PLEADING DOESN'T WORK, AND BRUTE FORCING IT DOESN'T WORK EITHER.
GOT HER PHONE BACK.
BRIBERY.
BLATANT
YUKICHI! I CAN TAKE CARE OF THE SHOPPING TODA--!!
BAM!
CHURU, SILVERVINE, CATNIP, WHATEVER IT TAKES!!
CURSE YOU, YOU CAPABLE CAT BASTARD !!
HE ALREADY LEFT?!
EMPTY


TRADE IN FIVE TICKETS FOR ONE DRAWING.
LOTTERY DRAWINGS ARE OVER HERE.
C PRIZE
RAFFLE DRAWING
D CALO
E CHOCOLATE... 100 WINNERS
F CONSOLATION... 800 WINNERS
WHRR


A PRIZE TICKETS TO DISNEYLAND
B PRIZE PREMIUM MALTS BEER VOUCHERS
C PRIZE PERSONAL KOTATSU (BLANKET INCL.)
RATTLE
RATTLE
THAT'LL BE TWO DRAW-INGS.
PRIZE LIST
!!

FIVE TICKETS
.....!

.....
SIGH!
?
HERE'S YOUR CONSOLATION PRIZE: A PACK OF POCKET TISSUES.

?
SHWOO...
KER-CHAK
KA-CHA'K
KA-CHAK
SHUDDER
ISN'T WORTH LIVING.
A LIFE WITHOUT A KOTATSU...
?!
WHAM
I'M HO--
GAH!

CLING
WHAT IS IT?!
OWWW!! YUKICHI! WHAT'S WRONG ...?!
AH!
I-IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!! I DIDN'T BUY IT!!
?!
PERSONAL KOTATSU
2-PIECE SET (TABLE & BLANKET)
FROM THE SUPER-MARKET RAFFLE. ★
I BORROWED THE DOLLY.
PERSONAL KOTATSU
2-PIECE SET (TABLE & BLANKET)
C PRIZE
I WON IT...
A C PRIZE BALL CAME OUT!
.....
AND THEN POP! JUST LIKE THAT!
HA HA HA HA!
SO...
THEN THIS RANDOM GRANNY HAD TICKETS LEFT OVER, SO SHE GAVE THEM TO ME.
SHE HAD FOUR WHOLE TICKETS!
I WENT TO THE MARKET TO BUY A BUNCH OF TREATS FOR YOU...

AND IT JUST SO HAPPENS I RENTED AN UMYU-SEA CONCERT DVD...

WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND TAKE A SEAT HERE, YUKICHI-SAMA?!

PLOP!

WHEW!!

ALL SET UP! PERFECT!!

I'M HAPPY JUST BEING UNDER THE KOTATSU!!

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I'M GOOD!

WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT FIRST?

WELL? HOW IS IT? FEELS NICE, RIGHT?

CAT FOOD ONLY.♪

I'LL TAKE CARE OF CLEAN-UP!

AND IF YOU GET SLEEPY, GO AHEAD AND SLEEP!

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

THE NEXT DAY, YUKICHI BOUGHT A CHILD-SAFE COVER FOR TABLETOP POWER STRIPS.

YOU'RE SURE I CAN HAVE A DRINK?!

HUH? R-REALLY?!

SHINE

OH, NO NO, I'M FINE...

SIGH!

CHILDPROOF GUARD

AWW, HE'S DOZING OFF!!
EH HEE HEE...
CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK
PURRRRRRRRRR

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THE FATE OF A BORED OWNER

I'M FROM WHITE CAT DELIVERY!!
DING DONG
HELLO?
DING DONG

?!
FREEZE
AH, FUKU-ZAWA-SA--
KER-CHAK

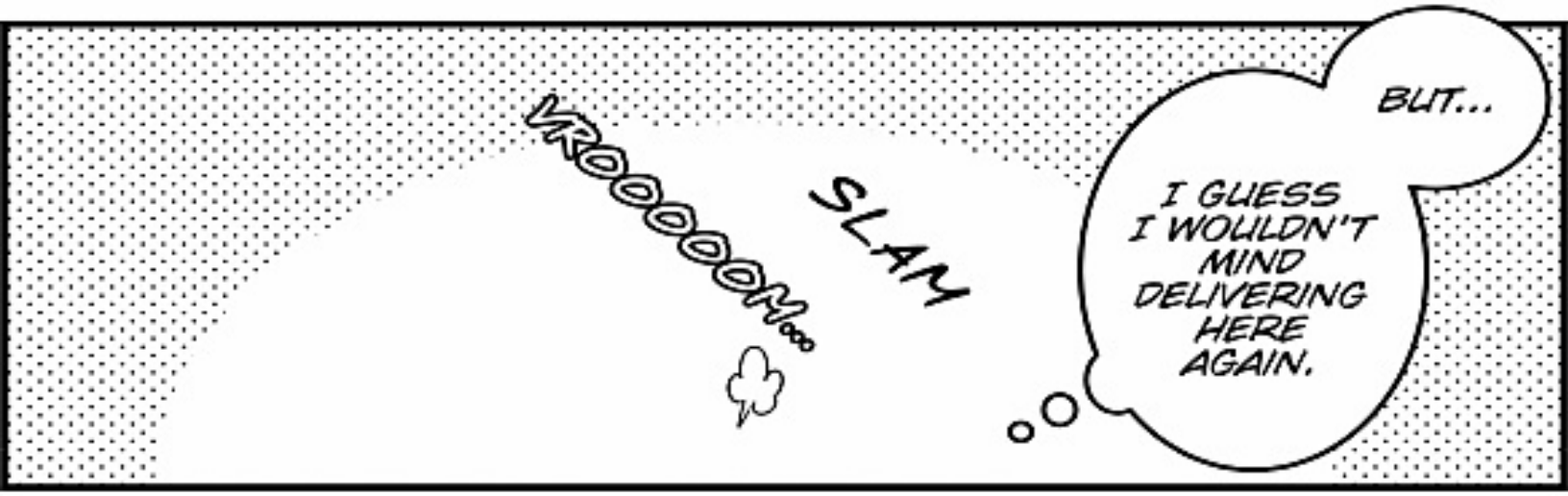
IF YOU COULD SIGN OR STAMP HE--
O-OH, THANKS!!
STAMP
TH-THERE'S GOTTA BE A HUMAN IN THERE, RIGHT?!
IS IT A COSTUME? WHY ARE THEY WEARING IT NOW?!
UM...? FUKU-ZAWA... SAKU-SAN?
I HAVE A PACKAGE HERE FOR YOU.
Mamazun

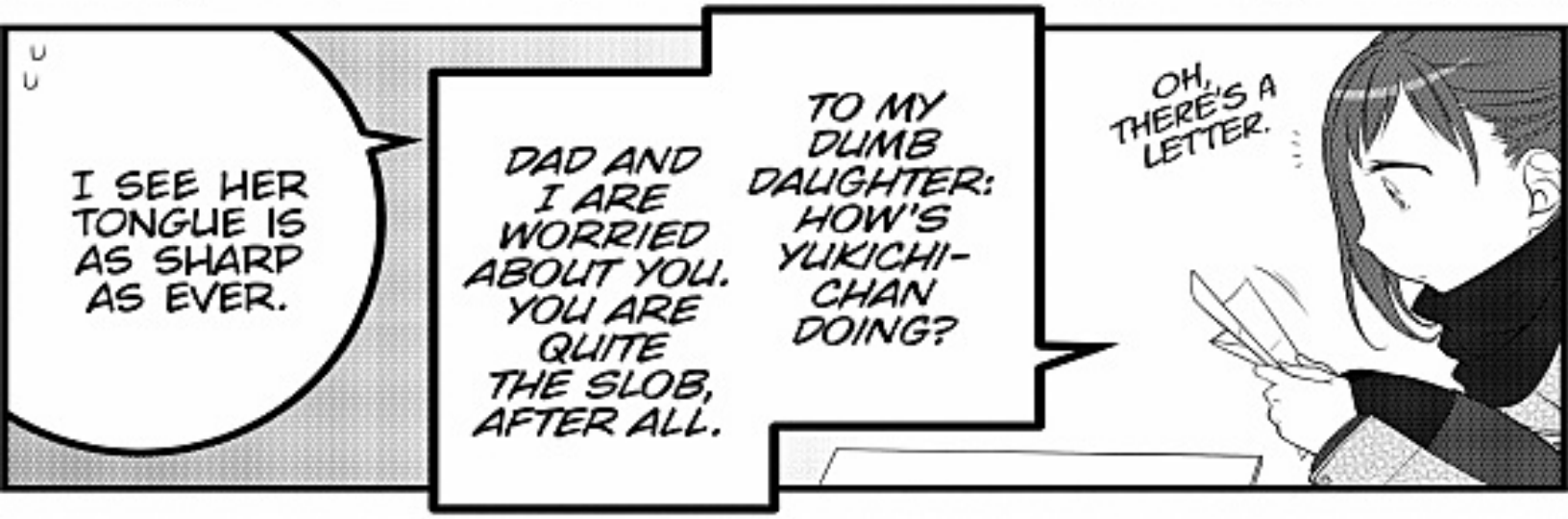
OH!
I-I MEAN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
BOW

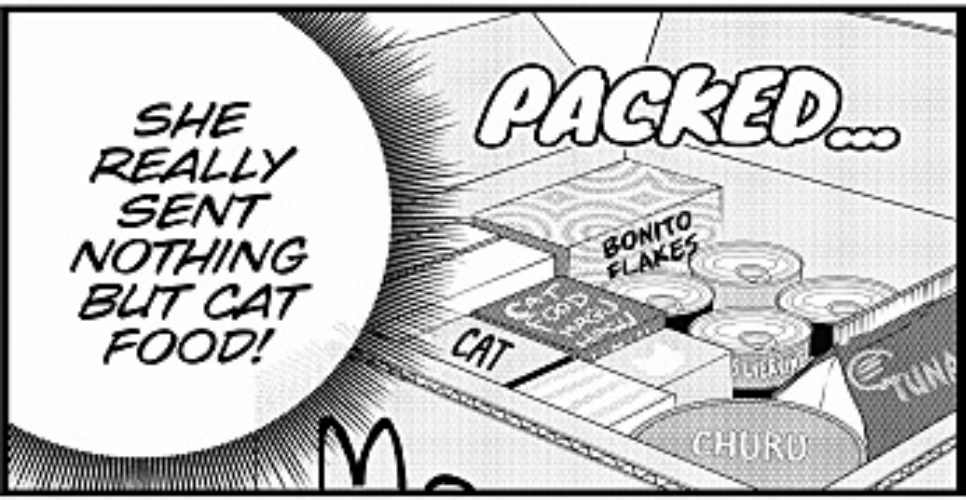
I SHOULD REPORT THIS BACK TO THE COMPANY.
THE OTHER GUYS COULD HAVE WARNED ME OR SOME-THING.
GLANCE
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
MAN, THAT TOTALLY SPOOKED ME.

SHWP
SHWP
!

BA-THUMP


KROOOOM...
SLAM
BUT...
I GUESS I WOULDN'T MIND DELIVERING HERE AGAIN.





So we sent you some cat food.

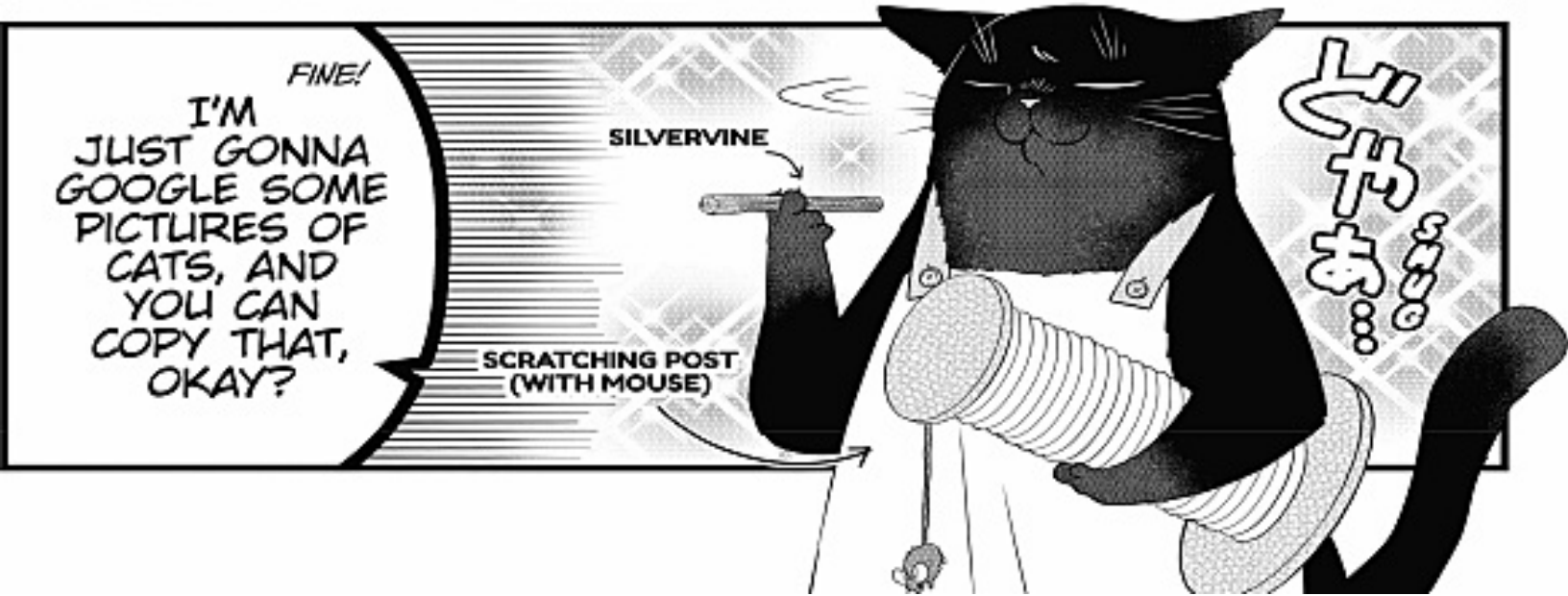
You should us some pictures of Yukichi-chan every now and then.

Mom

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO INCLUDE A PHOTO OF YUKICHI-CHAN?
UGH.
VRRRR
WOW.
THAT WAS FAST.

?
LIKE A NORMAL CAT!!
CAN YOU ACT MORE LIKE A CAT FOR ME, YUKICHI?

RUNNING
CLATTER
C'MON, PLEASE!
WAAAH!
I HAVEN'T TOLD MOM ABOUT HOW BIG YOU'VE GOTTEN YET!


FINE!
I'M JUST GONNA GOOGLE SOME PICTURES OF CATS, AND YOU CAN COPY THAT, OKAY?
SILVERVINE
SCRATCHING POST (WITH MOUSE)
どすっ

I SHOULD TRY TAKING PICS FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES.
OOMF!
CREAK
I KNOW!!
TAKING A PICTURE OF YOU STRAIGHT ON DRAWS TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO YOUR SIZE!
KA-SNAP
FROM ABOVE.
KA-SNAP
FROM BELOW.
ALL IT DID WAS MAKE THE ROOM LOOK EVEN SMALLER.

BRUSHING GLOVES FOR LARGE DOGS!!
BAM!
WE'RE DOWN TO THE LAST RESORT: FORGERY! YUKICHI! GO LIE DOWN OVER THERE!!
BRUSH!!
BRUSH
BRUSH
BRUSH
BRUSH
BRUSH
AAAHH!H
?
AAAAGH!H
RR
YAAAAAAA!!A
BRUSH
ROLL
BRUSH
BRUSH
BRUSH
OKAY, OTHER SIDE!!
UGHH!!
SERIOUSLY? IT LOOKS LIKE YOU JUST TOOK A PICTURE OF A BLACK BALL. SEND A BETTER ONE.
VRRRR
ALL FUR.
KA-SNAP
THERE! YOU LOOK JUST LIKE A CAT CURLED UP TAKING A NAP!!

O-OH NOOO! I DON'T LIKE WHERE THIS IS GOING!!

ARE YOU EVEN TAKING PROPER CARE OF HIM?

YOU CAN'T EVEN SEND ME A PHOTO OF YOUR PET CAT?

STAAARE

BUT I CAN'T TELL HER THAT!!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S ACTUALLY PROVIDING A SUITABLE HOME FOR ME!

GULP

W-WELL...

YOU BETTER BE PROVIDING A SUITABLE HOME FOR THIS CAT.

WHAT DO I DO?! YUKICHI, DO SOME-THING!!

EEEP!!

NOOO!! I KNEW IT!! THIS IS WHAT I WAS DREADING!

MAYBE I SHOULD STOP BY AND MAKE SURE YUKICHI-CHAN IS DOING OKAY.

I DIDN'T MEAN PREP FOR HER VISIT!!

AND HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT SHE LIKES TO DRINK?!

LIFT...

NOD

I SWEAR, IF THE NEXT TEXT ISN'T A SERIOUS PHOTO, I'M GOING OVER THERE...
!
VRZZ
GRR!
GRR!
GOD, WHAT IS TAKING THAT CHILD SO LONG?!
OH, IS THAT SAKU? SHE HASN'T MESSAGED US IN A WHILE.
I KNOW!
KA-CHAK
SEE!
WHY DIDN'T SHE JUST SEND THIS ONE IN THE FIRST PLACE?!
This good?!
MM.
SEND THAT TO ME, TOO.
IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE OUR LAST PHOTO OF SAKU.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU CAN'T JUST TELL HER YOU LOVE HER.
JEEZ!
SHE NEVER CALLS HOME! IF WE LEFT HER ALONE, WE'D NEVER HEAR FROM HER AGAIN!!
HONESTLY, THIS CHILD!

YOUR PLAN WORKED PERFECTLY, YUKICHI!!

YOU'RE A GENIUS!

FORCED PERSPECTIVE.

I'M SO TIRED...

IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S SATISFIED WITH THAT ONE!

PHEW!!

JUST IN CASE SHE ASKS FOR ANOTHER.

OH, BUT WE SHOULD TAKE SOME MORE PHOTOS LIKE THIS.

ALTHOUGH, I GET THE SENSE THAT SHE WAS MAD BECAUSE I HAVEN'T BEEN BACK HOME IN A WHILE...

I CAN BE LIKE, "LOOK AT MY BABY! ISN'T HE CUTE~?" ♥

PLUS, IT ALSO MEANS I CAN SHOW THEM TO MY CO-WORKERS!

THEY HAD A WHOLE PHOTO SHOOT A FEW DAYS LATER.

HMPH!

I'D LIKE A BEER, PLEASE. ♡

SIGH... BUT, FOR NOW...

THE PHOTO SHOOT

SHE GOT CARRIED AWAY WITH TAKING FUNNY PHOTOS AND TOTALLY FORGOT THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF THE PHOTO SHOOT.

AS THE PHOTO SHOOT WENT ON, HE GOT MORE AND MORE INVESTED AND STARTED OBSESSING OVER ANGLES AND COMPOSITION.

CAN IG END

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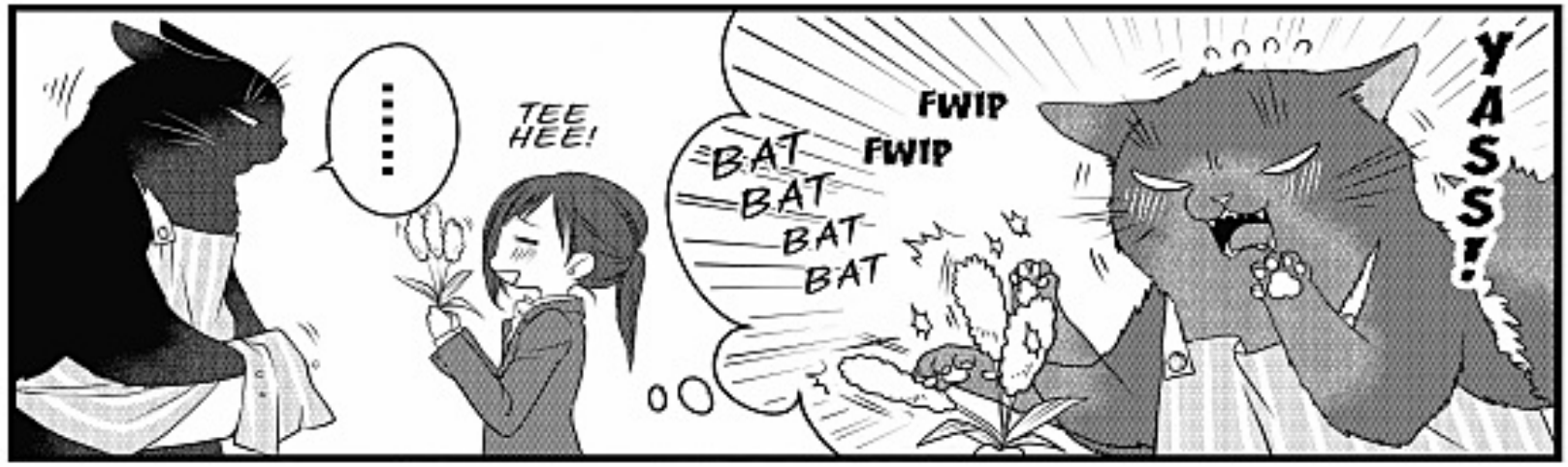
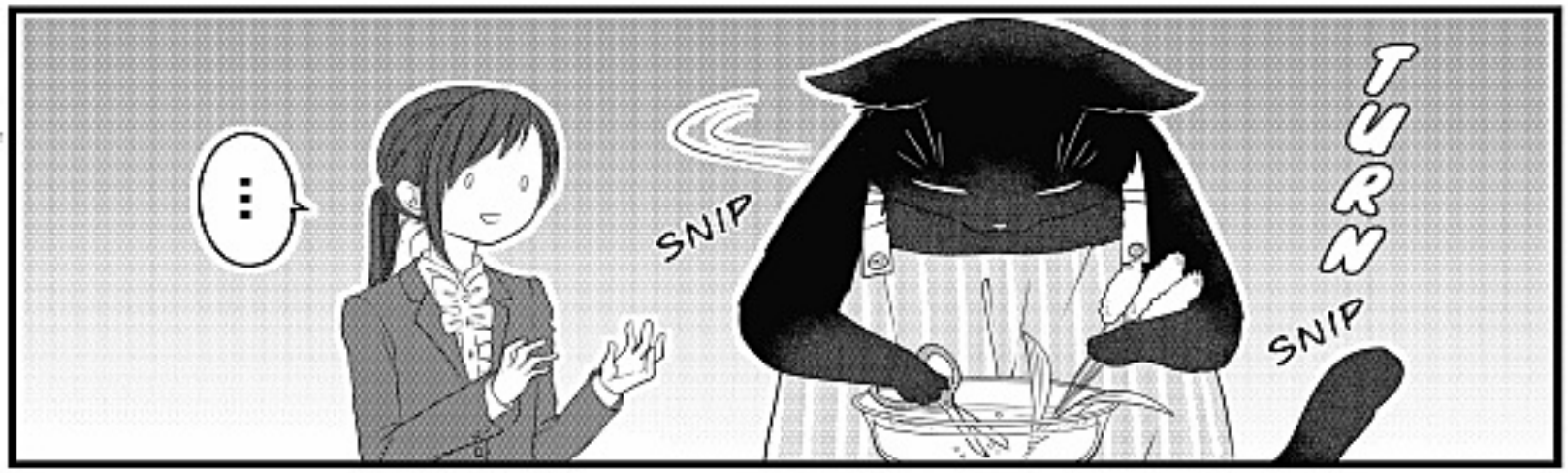
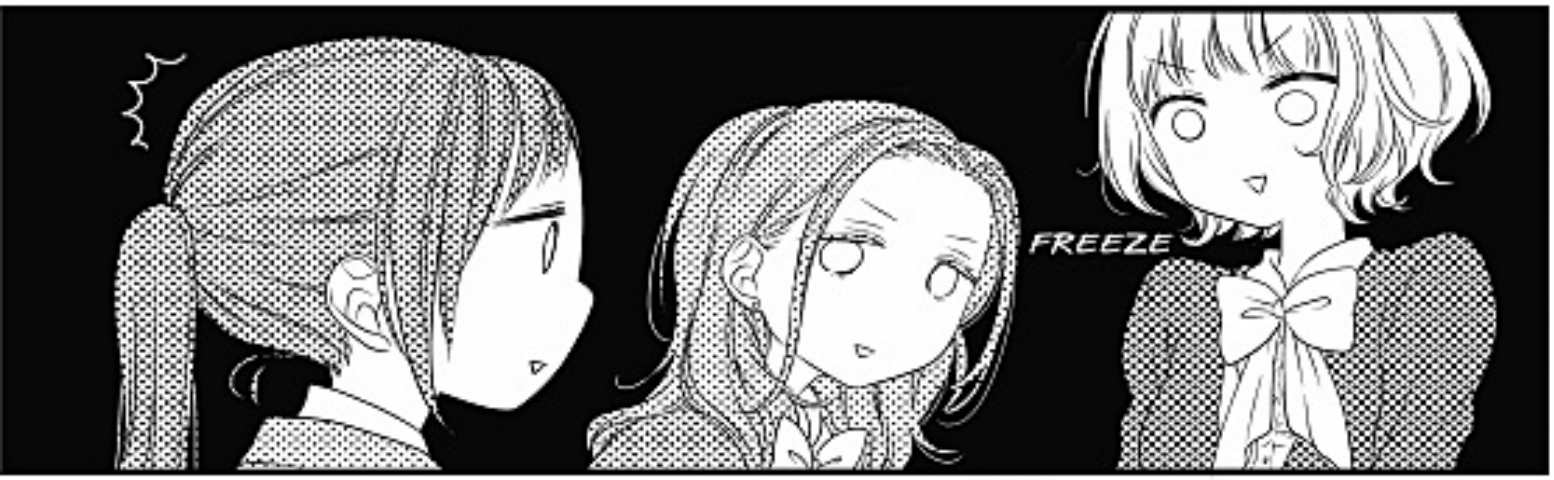




*In Japanese, "nekojarashi" is both the colloquial name for the green foxtail plant as well a type of cat toy.

WHOOPS!
YOURS ACTUALLY DID START GRUMBLING, FUKU-ZAWA!
YOU COULD HEAR THAT?
AH HA HA!
MY STOMACH WAS ABOUT TO START GRUM-BOLING.
HAAAH!! THAT MEETING WAS WAY TOO LONG!!

YOUR STOMACH WOULD GRUMBLE TOO, IF YOU KNEW ALL THIS TASTY FOOD WAS WAITING FOR YOU!
LET'S DIG IN!
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
Today's Yukichi Special!


FREEZE

?!
TRYING TO NAB YOURSELF A TOP-TIER MAN OR WHAT?
GLARE
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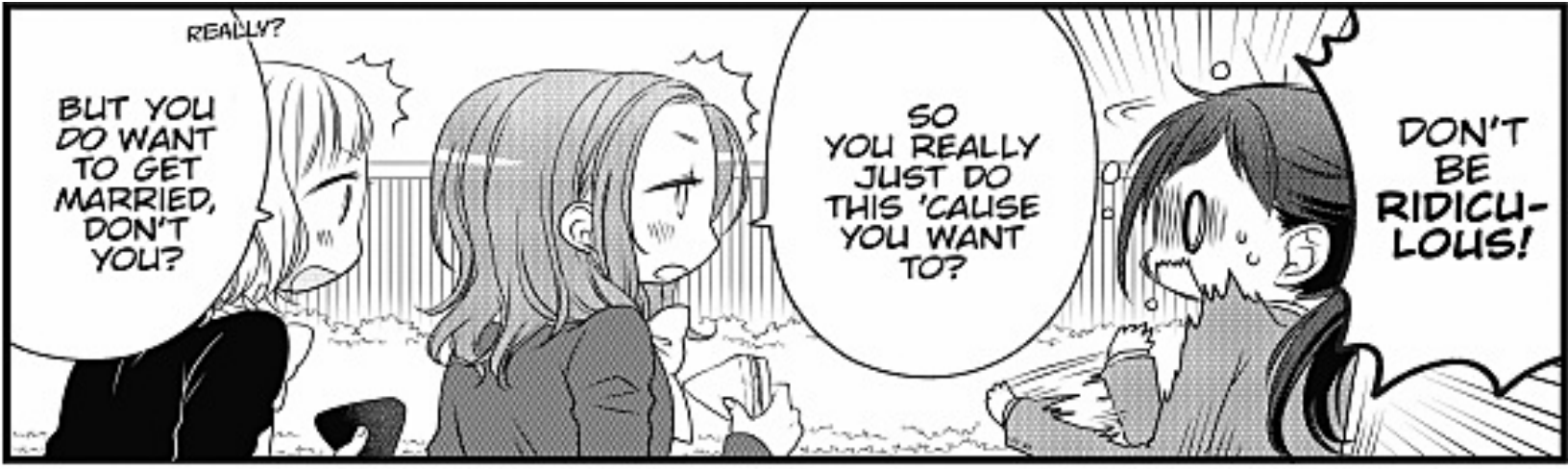
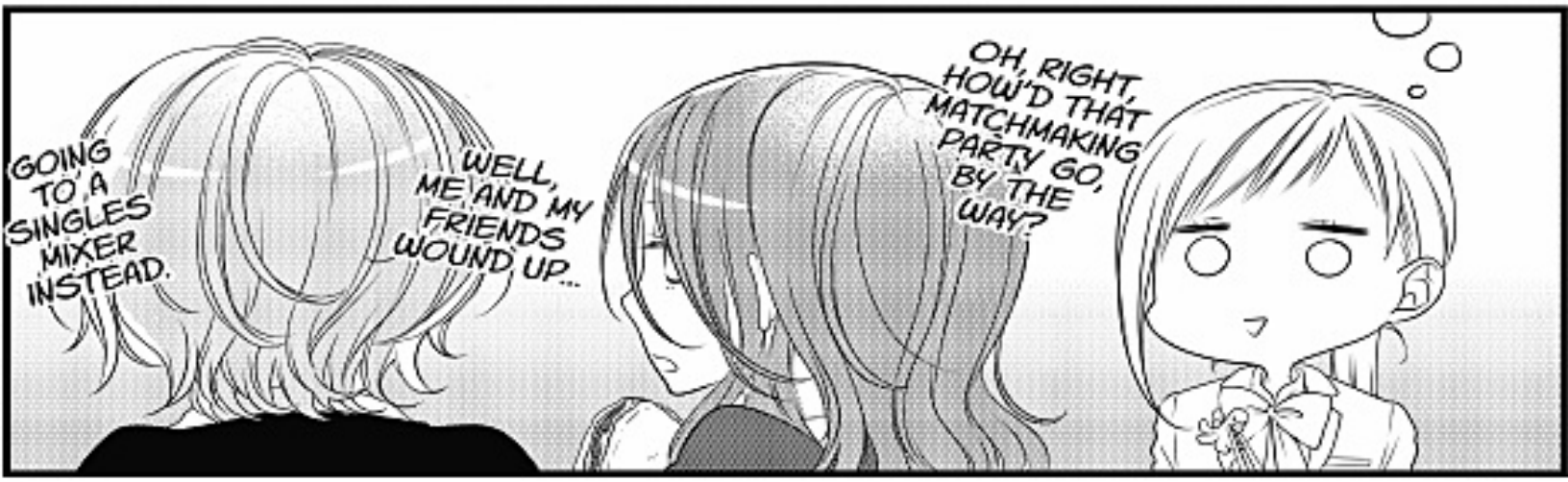
FUKU-ZAWA, ARE YOU TRYING TO SHOW OFF WITH THAT LUNCH?
IT LOOKS AMAZING, AS USUAL.


REALLY?
BUT YOU DO WANT TO GET MARRIED, DON'T YOU?
SO YOU REALLY JUST DO THIS 'CAUSE YOU WANT TO?
DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS!

LOOK AT YOU, BLANKLY PICKING AT YOUR FOOD. MEANWHILE, YOUR PRIME MARRIAGE YEARS ARE SLIPPING AWAY.
AH. THAT FACE SCREAMS "I'VE LITERALLY NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT."
MAR-RIED ...?


GOING TO A SINGLES MIXER INSTEAD.
WELL, ME AND MY FRIENDS WOUND UP...
OH, RIGHT. HOW'D THAT MATCHMAKING PARTY GO, BY THE WAY?

IF YOU'LL HAVE ME...
MAR-RIAGE ...?
MUNCH

YOU TRULY ARE A MASTER-FUL CAT!

YOU EVEN IRONED MY SHIRT FOR ME!

PURRRRR

LOVEY

DOVEY

THANKS FOR PACKING ME LUNCH AGAIN, YUKICHI!

IF I GOT MARRIED, YUKICHI WOULD HAVE TO COME WITH ME.

WHAT ?!

YUKICHI IS MY CAT! YOU CAN'T TAKE HIM FROM ME!

I CAN'T GO BACK TO A LIFE WITHOUT YUKICHI!

DIVORCING YOU IS NO BIG DEAL, BUT...

YUKICHI!

NOOOOOO!

PPPPPP

CAN YOU TAKE THE PAPERS TO THE COURT CLERK'S OFFICE? THAAANKS.

WELL, YUKICHI SAID HE DOESN'T WANT TO GO BACK TO LIVING WITH A POOR SLOB LIKE YOU!

IS SHE TALKING ABOUT MONEY* ...?

NEVER!!

FORGET MAR-RIAGE!! I'LL NEVER HAND YUKICHI OVER!!

*Yukichi shares a name with Fukuzawa Yukichi, an influential Japanese historical figure featured on the 10,000-yen note.

SO...
WHAT IS *YOUR* TYPE, YURI-CHAN?
MY TYPE?
I'M KIND OF A DADDY'S GIRL, SO PROBABLY AN OLDER GUY.
MY IDEAL MAN WOULD BE KIND AND PATIENT. I WANT SOMEONE WHO'LL SPOIL ME, Y'KNOW?
BONUS POINTS IF THEY'RE RICH.

AND HE'LL TAKE CHARGE OF ALL THE HOUSE-WORK AND STUFF.
I'M **HOPELESS** WHEN IT COMES TO CLEANING, BUT HE'LL BE LIKE, "OH, *YOU*. IT'S FINE, I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT."
OH!
IF HE ALSO MADE **LUNCH** FOR ME? THAT'D BE AMAZING.
HE'D BE ALL LIKE, "YOU HAVE TO EAT YOUR VEGETABLES, HONEY~!" LIKE MY MOM OR SOMETHING, HA HA!
.....

B-BUT...
I KNOW THAT GUY IS BASICALLY A FANTASY, SO DON'T JUDGE ME!
AH HA HA! I GET IT!!
BLUSH
I DON'T KNOW!
THINK THAT DREAM ISN'T *THAT* CRAZY!

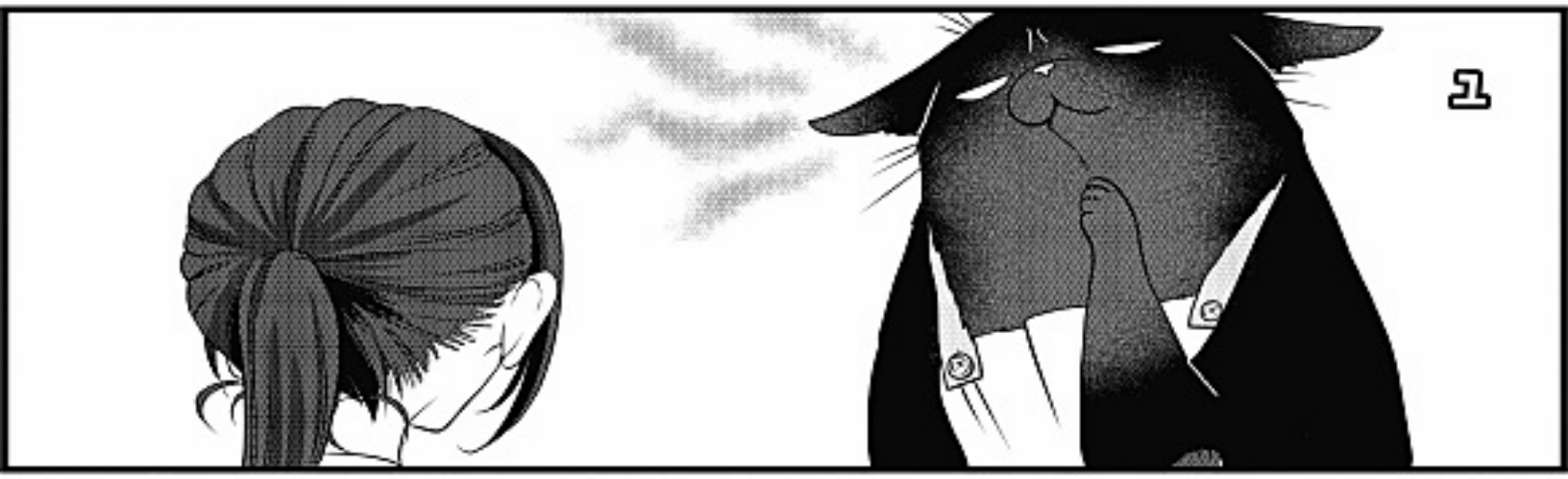
I MEAN... I'VE GOT A GUY LIKE THAT AT HOME.
包容力と家事力の化身
The embodiment of both patience and housework.
HE'S A CAT, THOUGH.

?
?
SHUG
.....

FLUFF...
FLUFF...
AND THIS IS PURELY HYPO-THETICAL, BUT...
CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?

JUST LIKE THAT ?!
GOOD!!
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?
¥
IF SOMEONE MAKING TWICE MY SALARY CAME ALONG AND SAID HE WANTED TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM ME...

YOU COULD HAVE AT LEAST TAKEN LIKE THREE SECONDS TO THINK ABOUT IT!!
PUNCH
PUNCH
PUNCH
PUNCH
YOU COLD, HEART-LESS CAT!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IT ACTUALLY HURTS MORE KNOWING THAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT IT AND WAS STILL WILLING TO ABANDON ME WITH A SMILE!!
Grooh!
3

I'LL SHOW YOU I CAN BRING HOME THE BACON!!

BWSH

OKAY, THEN I'LL GET A BUNCH OF CERTIFI-CATIONS!!

SOME-TIMES AN ADULT JUST HAS TO SUCK IT UP AND GET THINGS DONE!

I'M NOT A KID ANY-MORE!

GLARE

BED-TIME ?!

SLEEP DEPRIVATION NATIONAL ISSUE

NO

SLIDE...

HE HAD HER SLEEPING THREE SECONDS LATER.

BUT TOMORROW I'M DEFINITELY GONNA STAY UP LATE!

LOOK, I'M ONLY GOING TO BED NOW BECAUSE I JUST HAPPENED TO BE SLEEPY.

PAT PAT PAT

CAN I7 END

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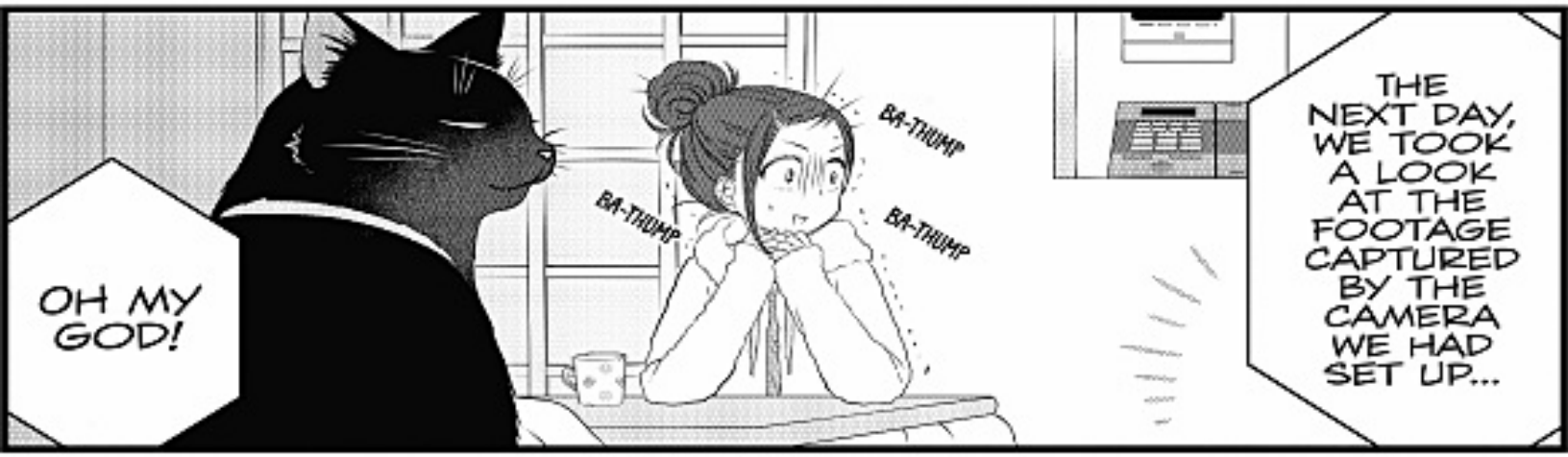
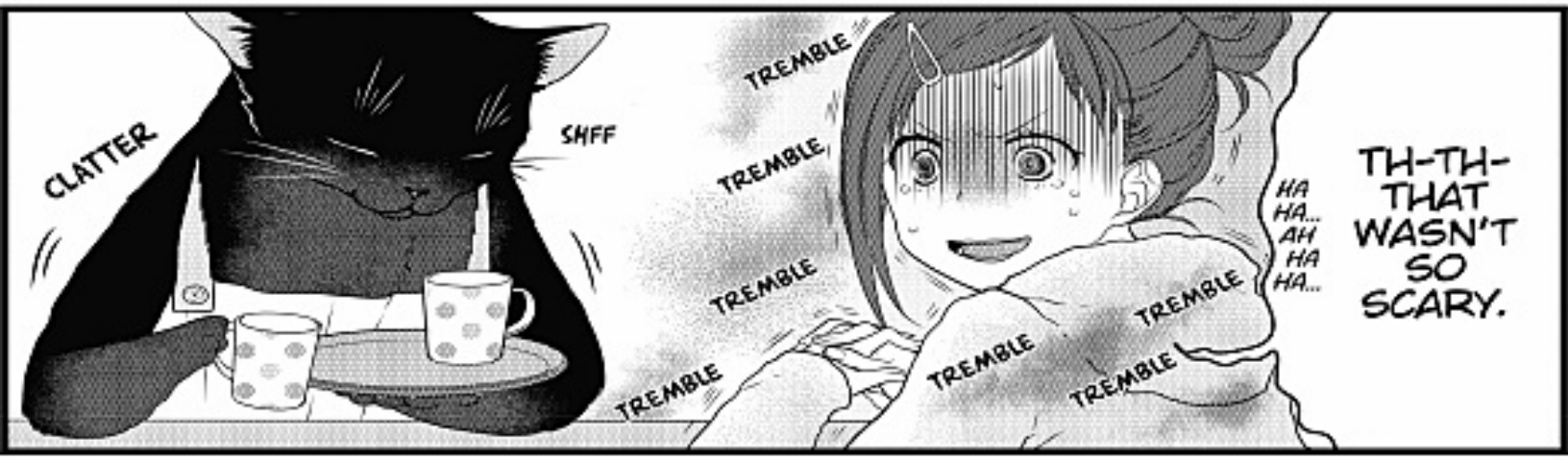
COULD IT BE THE SAMURAI GHOST?
A NUMBER OF STRANGE PHENOMENA HAVE THROWN THE VILLAGE INTO A PANIC.
KNOCK!
SAMURAI HAUNTED VILLAGE
?!
KATTLE...
KATTLE...
KATTLE...
CLACK!
A HISTORY MYSTERY!
THE SOUND OF METAL ON METAL.
CAN YOU HEAR IT? ECHOING FAINTLY IN THE DARK...

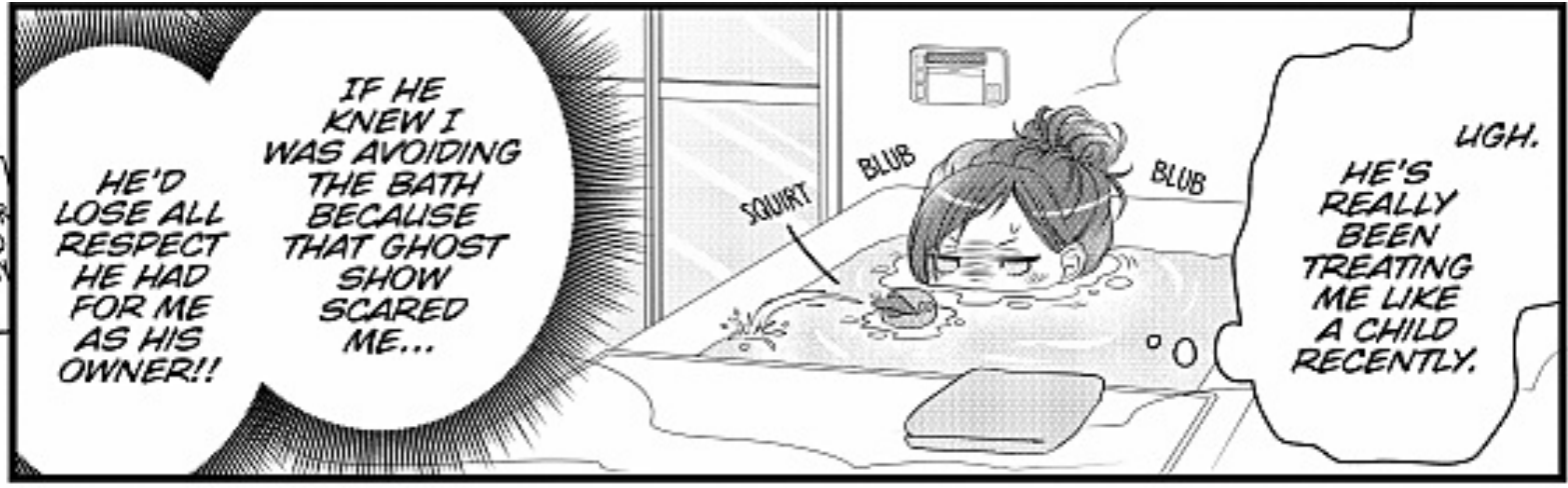

OH MY GOD!
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
THE NEXT DAY, WE TOOK A LOOK AT THE FOOTAGE CAPTURED BY THE CAMERA WE HAD SET UP...

HEH
HEH
HEH...
HEH
HEH
LUCH
EEEEEAAGH!
AAAAA


CLATTER
SHFF
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
HA HA... AH HA HA...
TH-TH-THAT WASN'T SO SCARY.

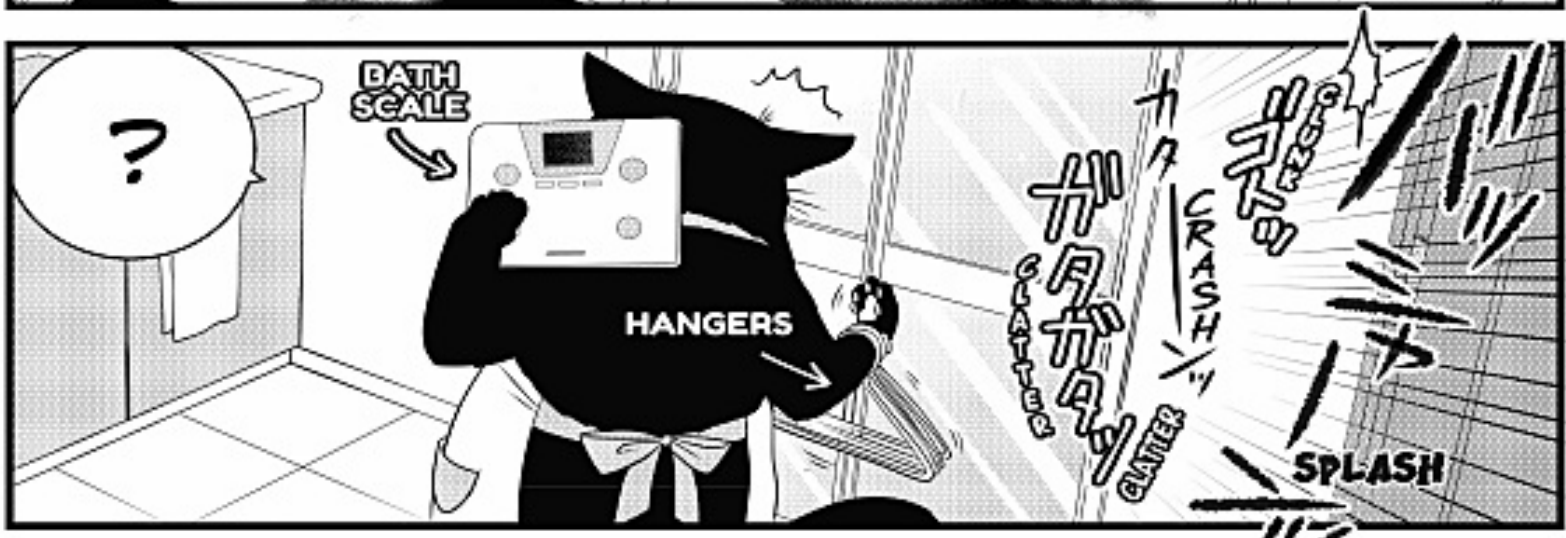
OH YEAH, YUKICHI LOOKED LIKE HE WANTED TO WATCH, SO I PUT IT ON!!
!
CHANNEL FOUR'S A HORROR SHOW?
WHAT TO WATCH...
PERK
そわっ
THAT WAS TERRI-FYING!
WHY DID I WATCH IT?!
?
AH!
FOLLOWED HIM WITHOUT THINKING
MAYBE IF I GET A LITTLE TIPSY, I'LL FEEL LESS AFRAID!!
AH! RIGHT! BEER! ONE BEER, PLEASE!
AH!
ACK!
UM!
OH, NOTHING, UM...
YOUR BATH IS READY.
DI DOO DO
DOOT DOO
.....
DOO DOO DO
DOO DI DOO DAH
DOO DOO DO
DOO DI DOOO

I PROMISE I WON'T FALL ASLEEP IN THE TUB!
SHOVE
SHOVE
H-H-HOLD ON! MY BEER!
I'LL GET IN ONCE I'VE HAD A BEER!
NOOO! HE DOESN'T TRUST ME AT ALL!!
SIGH...
うわーん
WAAAAH!
I'LL JUST HAVE A BEER AND GO TO BED!!
I DON'T WAN-NAAAA! I JUST WON'T TAKE A BATH TONIGHT!!
WHY ARE YOU GIVING ME THIS? WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU THINK IS THE PROBLEM HERE?
WUT?
PLOP...


NEVER HAD ANY
HE'D LOSE ALL RESPECT HE HAD FOR ME AS HIS OWNER!!
IF HE KNEW I WAS AVOIDING THE BATH BECAUSE THAT GHOST SHOW SCARED ME...
SQUIRT
BLUB
BLUB
UGH.
HE'S REALLY BEEN TREATING ME LIKE A CHILD RECENTLY.

FLINCH
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
THAT SAMURAI GHOST...

?!
FLICKER
RATTLE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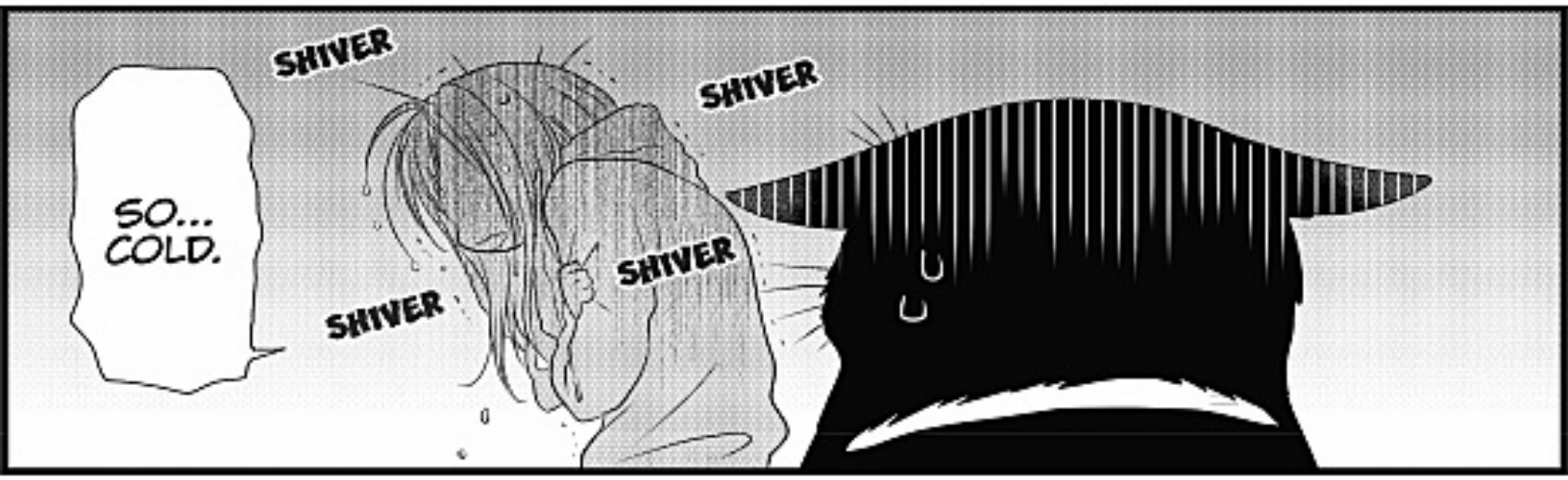
BATH SCALE
HANGERS
CRASH
GLATTER
GLATTER
SPLASH

HOPES TO TRAP HER WHEN SHE GETS OUT.

SORRY ABOUT ALL THE NOISE.
SWAY
MAAAN. LOVE A GOOD SOAK.

MM? OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, I'M ALL WARMED UP.
ALL RIGHT, TIME FOR THAT BEER.
KA-CHAK

GULP


SO... COLD.
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER

IT'LL BE WARMER IF WE SLEEP TOGETHER!
COME ON, LET'S GO TO BED.
RUB
RUB
SMOOCH
I-I GUESS IF YOU DOWN AN ENTIRE BEER, YOUR BODY GETS PRETTY COLD.

IT'S FINE. I'M FINE. I'M AN ADULT. IN THREE SECONDS, I'LL BE SOUND ASLEEP.
OKAY, TIME TO CLEAR MY MIND AND DOZE OFF.

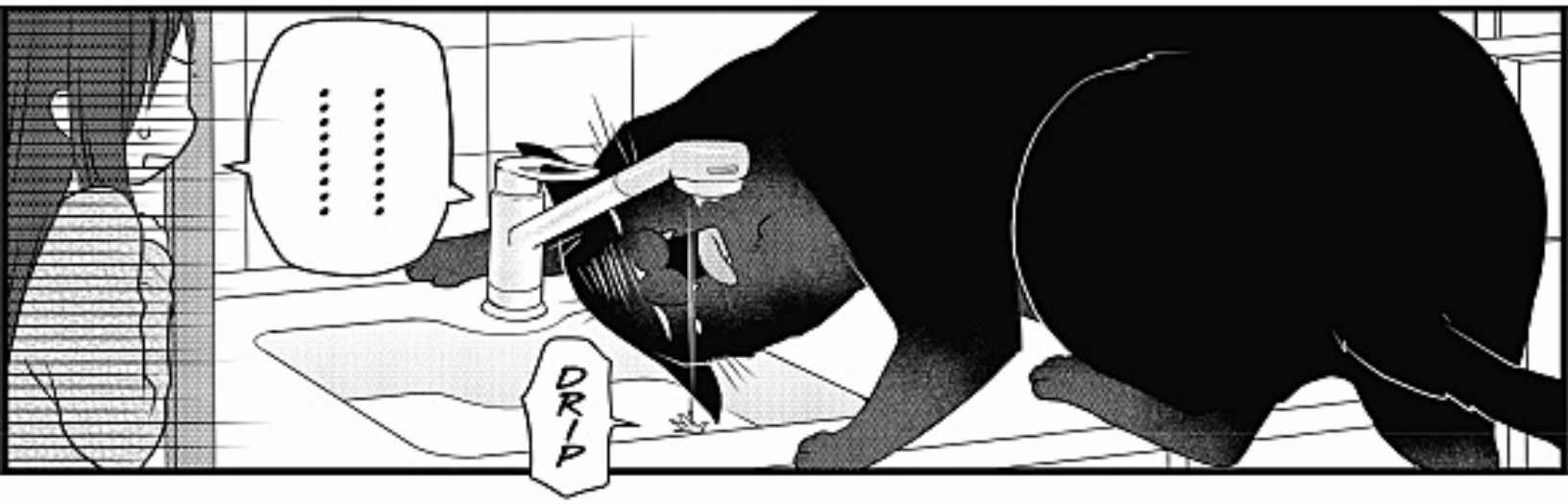
BLINK!
?!
SLAM
THUNK
KNOCK
TOK

I'M AN ADULT. I'M AN ADULT. I'M AN ADULT. I'M AN ADULT I'M AN ADULT I'M AN ADULT OH MY GOD WHAT IS THAT NOISE IT'S FREAKING ME OUT HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO SLEEP
KLUNK
TAK TAK
TOK

YUKICHI'S GONNA GO CHECK IT OUT!
MY HERO!!
FWIP
THOK
THUNK
THUD
TOK

WHAT'S TAKING HIM SO LONG...?
?
SHWOO
.....

!!
SHOCK
YU-KICHI ...?
YU...
FLICK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DRIP

SQUEAK
...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

LICK
LICK

WIPE
WIPE

NO, NO, NO! THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FORGET WHAT I SAW!!
?

EEK!
OH GOD, HE'S GONNA MAKE ME FORGET!!
TSK!
SLAM
DAI-GIN-JO SAKE.

IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU NEED TO HIDE, YUKICHI.
SHAKE
SHAKE
SEEMS LIKE A LOT MORE WORK THAN JUST DRINKING WATER THE NORMAL WAY THOUGH, HA HA!
OH YEAH, I GUESS YOU USED TO DO THAT A LOT WHEN YOU WERE A KITTEN.

BUT I WANT YOU TO BE ABLE TO RELAX AT HOME, AT LEAST.
LIKE, SURE, WHEN WE'RE OUTSIDE, YOU KINDA HAVE TO KEEP IT TOGETHER.
YOU SHOULD LET LOOSE AND DO WHAT YOU WANT MORE OFTEN.

I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA BE UP ALL NI--
ACK!
AH HA HA!
BUT MAN, YOU SPOOKING ME LIKE THAT MADE ME FORGET ALL ABOUT THAT SCARY HORROR SHOW!

AND MAKE ME A SNACK TO GO WITH IT!!
ARGH! FORGET IT! AN-OTHER BEER!!
BAM
BAM
?
I KNOW IT WAS JUST A TV SHOW!!
N-NO, WAIT!! I MEAN, I WASN'T SCARED AT ALL!!

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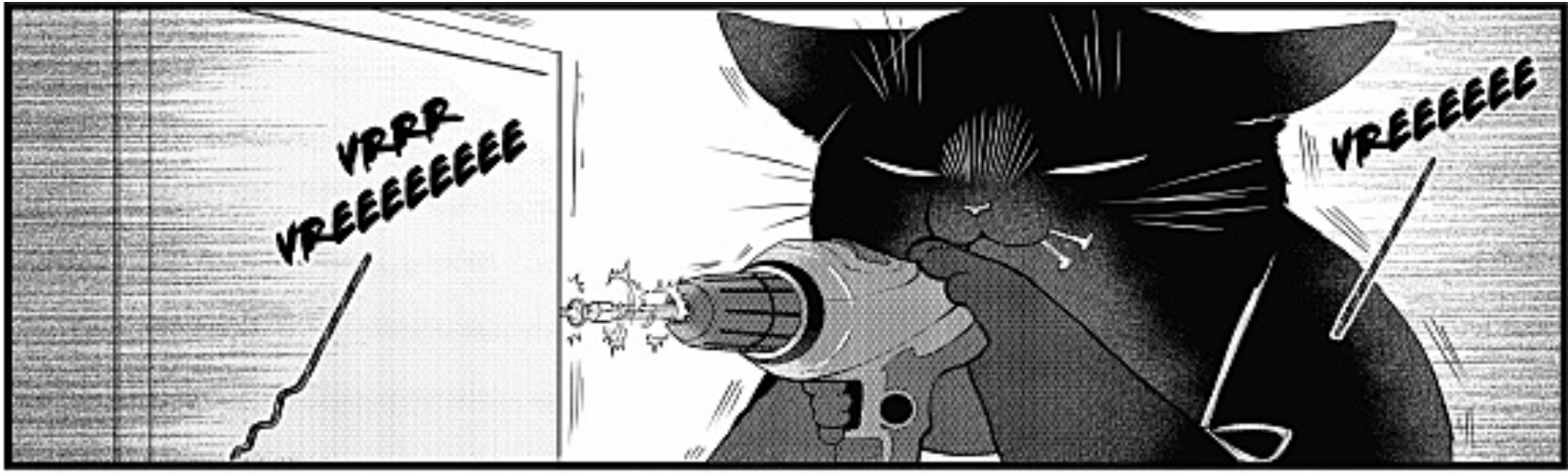
SORRY, YUKICHI! I'LL JUST HAVE THE COFF--!
RUSH
RUSH
OH CRAP, OH CRAP!! I GOTTA GO IN THREE MINUTES!!
SPLASH
ACK!
THUD
AUGHHHHHHHHHH!!

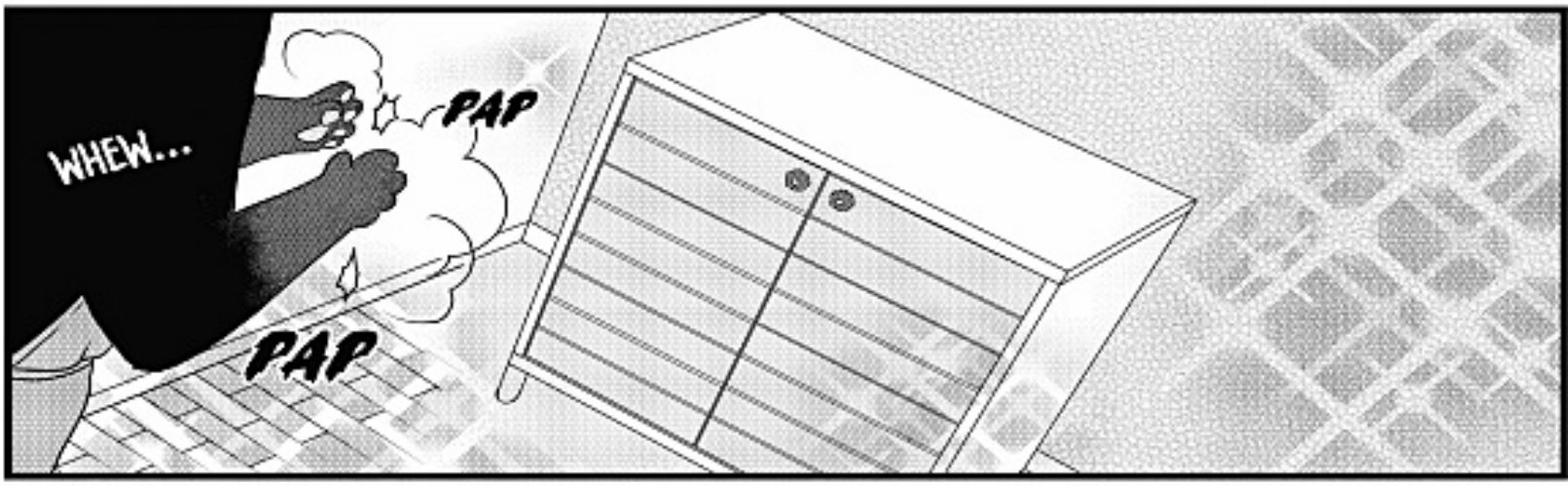
HERE COMES THE "TSK"!
Y-YUKICHI, I'M SO SORRY!
AH!
.....
I BROKE HIM?!
HEH HEH HEH!
HEH HEH HEH HEH
I SWEAR I WILL REFLECT ON THE ERROR OF MY WAYS!
SO P-PLEASE...
TMP
TMP
TMP
S-SORRY! I'M AN IDIOT! I'M REALLY SORRY!
AHHH!! HE'S LOST IT!!
RIP
RIP
RIP
PLEASE REMAIN CALM!!

AND HOW COME THE WALLPAPER CAME OFF SO EASILY ?!
GYAAH!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
DID YOU KNOW THIS WAS GONNA HAPPEN?!
RIP
RIP...
WE HAVE TWO LAYERS OF WALL-PAPER?!
HUH?! THERE'S WALL-PAPER UNDER-NEATH?
THE PATRON SAINT OF SAFETY DEPOSITS!!
YOU'RE A GENIUS!!
THE MODEL TENANT!!
HEH
FWIP...
BYEEEEEE!
GOTTA GO!! SORRY!!
DASH
BUT I'M SERIOUSLY GONNA BE LATE!!
OKAY, I KNOW I'M THE WORST FOR LEAVING RIGHT NOW...

STAND
WORK
WORK
BOND
ROLL
ROLL ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL ROLL ROLL
ROLL
TRIM
SLIIIDE
RE-PAPERING COMPLETE. ★
WHEW...
PAP
PAP

SHAA!
SHRRK
SHRRK
SHRRK
SHRRK
SHRRK
SHRRK
SHRRK


VRRR
VREEEEEEEE
VREEEEEE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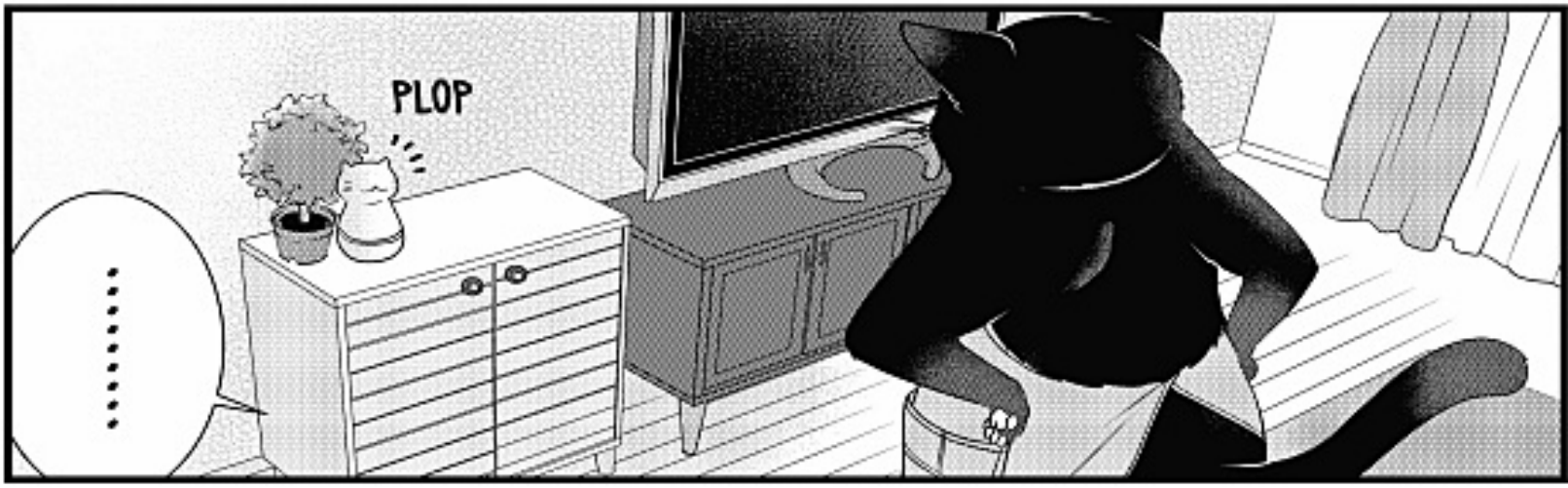
PAP
PAP


PLOP
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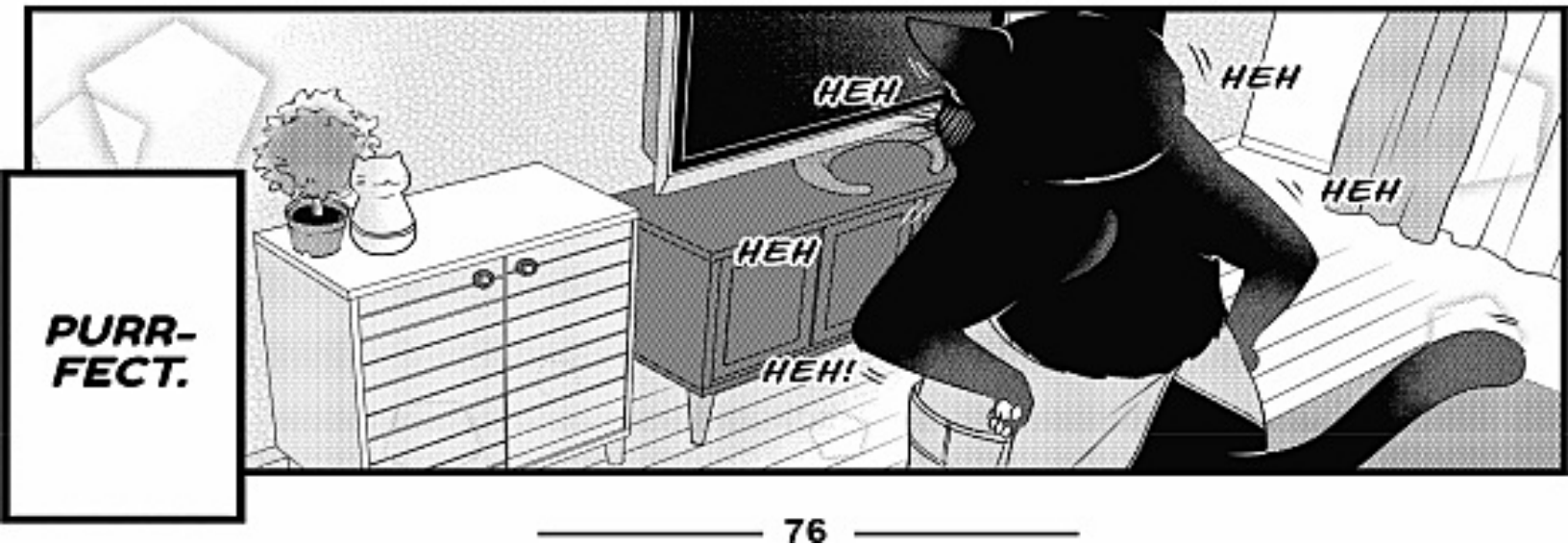
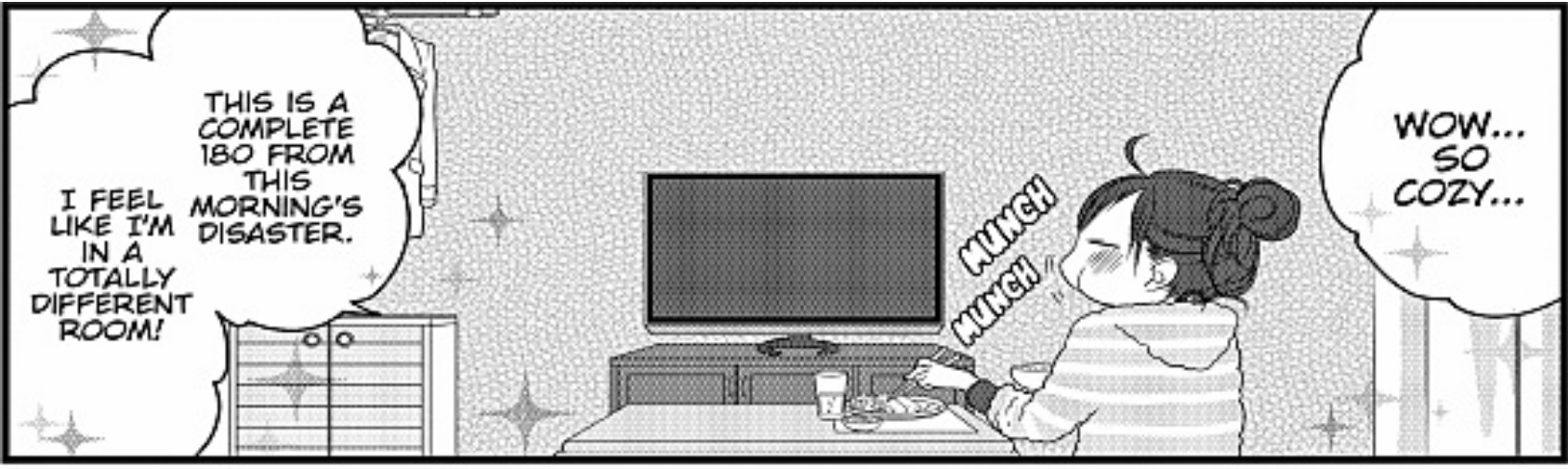

HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH!
PURR-
FECT.

I BOUGHT YOU A TON OF CAT FOOD TO MAKE UP FOR...
ガラ
RATTLE
I'M HOME!! I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THIS MORNING!

DID HE REMODEL WHILE I WAS GONE?!
?!
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE

YOU REPUR-POSED THEM?! WHEN DID YOU GET SO CRAFTY ?!
HUH? WAIT, THESE DOORS... ARE THESE SLATS MADE FROM THE SHELF THAT USED TO BE HERE?!.
HEH
HEH
HEH
WHERE DID THIS CABINET COME FROM?!

YOUR SKILL KNOWS NO BOUNDS ...!
Ah!
I'M BLOWN AWAY! I'M IN AWE OF YOUR TALENT!!
Heh...


I FEEL LIKE I'M IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT ROOM!
THIS IS A COMPLETE 180 FROM THIS MORNING'S DISASTER.
MUNCH MUNCH
WOW... SO COZY...

STARE...
.....

THANKS!!
AH, YEAH, I'LL HAVE ANOTHER BOWL!
OH!
?

I FEEL LIKE I'M BETTER OFF KEEPING THAT TO TMYSELF.
BUT ...
Y'KNOW, IT'S LIKE EVERY TIME I MESS UP OUR APARTMENT, IT GETS AN UPGRADE.

CAN I? END

THIS ILLUSTRATION IS FROM THE "WHAT JOB DO YOU WANT YUKICHI TO DO?!" EVENT HELD ON NICO NICO SEIGA*, CELEBRATING THE RELEASE OF THE FIRST VOLUME OF THIS MANGA. THE THEME FOR THIS ONE IS "TAKING THE STAGE WITH UMYU-SEA!!"

*Niconico Seiga is an online community where artists can post their artwork, including illustration and manga.

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PLEASE TAKE ME HOME
?!
PEEEEEK
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
20 CAN 20
?!

NN. MM ...?
SHAKE
SHAKE

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
JOLT
WHA?
YUKI-CHAN !!

UMM... WHAT WAS I DOING AGAIN...? OH, RIGHT!
HUH? ME?

?!
キリッ
YUP!
LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME ...!

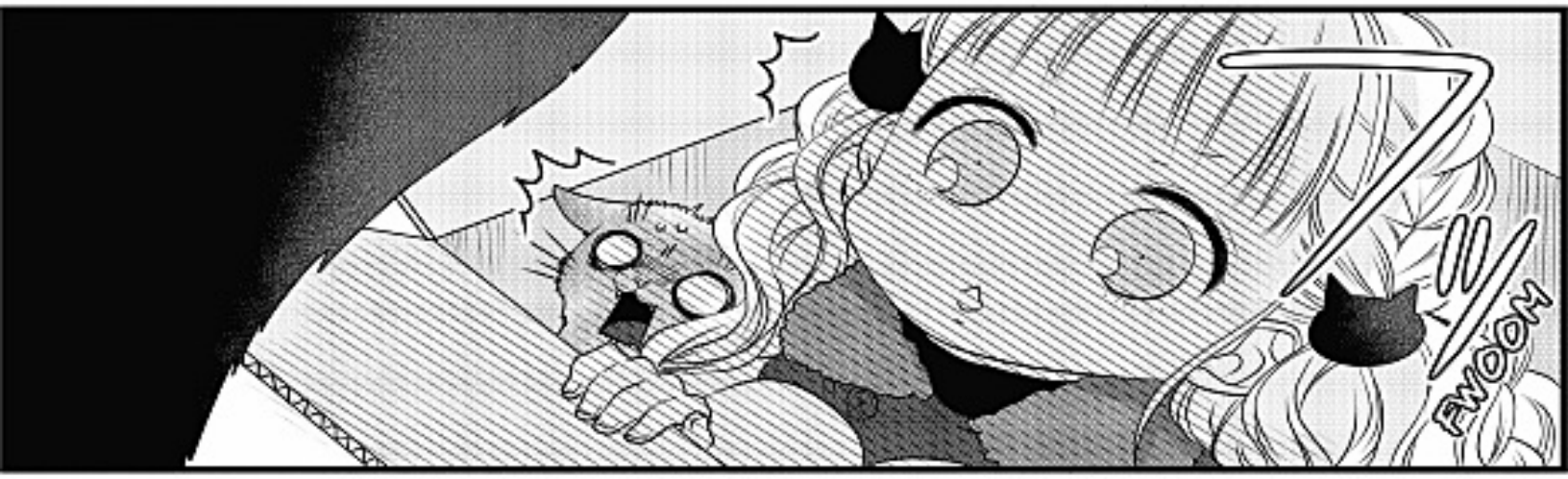
MROW
HUP
FOR THIS KITTY!!

I ASKED GRAMMY, BUT HER EYES AREN'T SO GOOD, SO SHE CAN'T TAKE THEM, EITHER.
BUT WE CAN'T HAVE PETS IN OUR APARTMENT.
PLEASE TAKE ME HOME
AND I WANTED TO TAKE THEM HOME!
SOMEONE LEFT THEM IN THIS BOX.

ACHOO
ACHOO
ACHOO
I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE WITH--
SO UNTIL THIS KITTY FINDS A HOME...

I'M NOT EVEN A TEENSY BIT COLD!!
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL
NO!! I DON'T WANNA GO HOME!!

YOU CAN'T MAKE ME!!
I'M NOT GOING!!


FWOOM

FLOOF
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FLUFF
FLUFF
THIS... IS MY NEW HOME.
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KNEAD

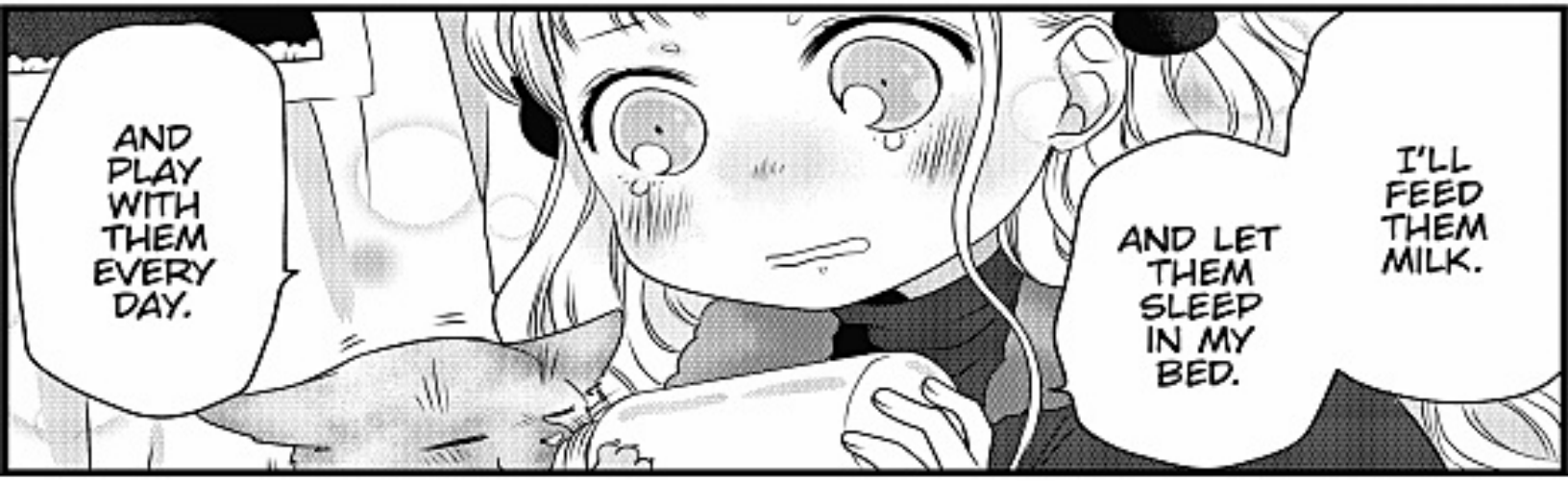
WHAT IS IT, LITTLE KITTY?
KNEAD
KNEAD
KNEAD
KNEAD
KNEAD
KNEAD
KNEAD
?
?

SHAKE
SHAKE
SUCK
SUCK
SUCK
SUCK
SUCK
SUCK
SUCK
YUKI-CHAN, DO YOU HAVE BOOBIES?
OH!
ARE YOU HUNGRY?

HUNH.
DID THEY HAVE A KID OR SOME-THING?
BING
YOUR TOTAL COMES TO 2,318 YEN.
CAT MILK AND BABY BOTTLE.
FARMERS MARKET
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
.....

HOW CUUUTE!!
GULP
GULP
GULP
GULP
WOW! THEY'RE DRINKING!

WANNA TAKE THEM HOME.
WHISPER
I REALLY ...


AND PLAY WITH THEM EVERY DAY.
AND LET THEM SLEEP IN MY BED.
I'LL FEED THEM MILK.

AND WE'LL GO TO UMYU-SEA CONCERTS TOGETHER!
.....
AND ONE DAY THEY'LL GROW AS BIG AS YUKI-CHAN!

PLIP

BE A GOOD KITTY AND GET IN MY COAT!
OH NO!
THE KITTY'S GONNA GET WET!

HWUP
PLEASE TAKE ME HOME
AHH!

DASH
WH-WHERE ARE WE GOING?!

A COUPLE OF CUTIES, AREN'T YOU?
?!
?!
WELL, WELL, WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?
PLEASE TAKE ME HOME

CAN YOU LOOK AFTER THIS KITTY...?
NEIGHBOR
I TAKE IT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE THIS KITTEN IN?
"PLEASE TAKE ME HOME"?

.....
BUT I'M GETTING ON IN YEARS, YOU KNOW?
IT IS TRUE THAT WE ARE ALLOWED UP TO ONE PET...

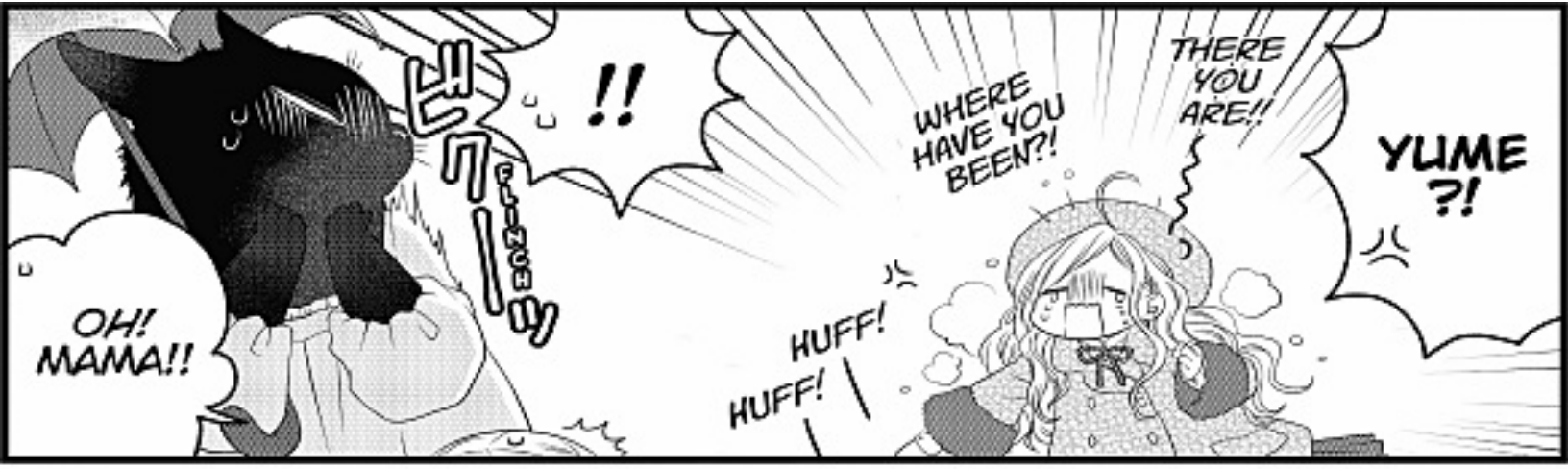
!!
OH, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT! SHOKICHI-SAN'S GRANDKID IS LOOKING FOR A CAT RIGHT NOW.
PING
PING
TAP
TAP
GIVE ME ONE SECOND AND I'LL ASK AROUND FOR YOU, OKAY?

BE GOOD, OKAY?
BYE-BYE, KITTY-CHAN!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE LITTLE ONE UNTIL THEY ARRIVE.

DO YOU THINK...
THEY'LL FORGET ME?
HEY, YUKI-CHAN?

...
PAT
PAT

WAA-AAA-AAH-H!!
ビクッ
FLINCH
WAA-AAA-AAH-H!!


OH! MAMA!!
ピリリリリ!!
!!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!
THERE YOU ARE!!
YUME ?!
HUFF! HUFF!

YOUNG GIRL ABDUCTED BY GIANT CAT
A LARGE CAT WAS APPREHENDED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO KIDNAP A YOUNG GIRL. WITNESSES CALLED POLICE AFTER THE GIRL WAS SEEN CRYING LOUDLY AFTER THE ABDUCTION. THE CAT WAS ARRESTED AND BROUGHT TO THE POLICE STATION FOR QUESTIONING, WHERE HE ATTEMPTED TO COMMUNICATE VIA WILD GESTURING AND FLAILING. HE TESTIFIED THAT HE "WAS ABSOLUTELY NOT PLANNING ON EATING THE GIRL."
あわわわ
GWAAAH!
YUKI-CHAN'S FRIEND HAS A FRIEND WHO...
WAIT, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE KITTEN?!
JEEZ! YOU CAN'T JUST DISAPPEAR WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE!

...!
PHEW...
THANK YOU, YUKI-CHAN!
BOW
BOW
AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE KITTEN!
I'M SO SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE, YUKI-CHAN!

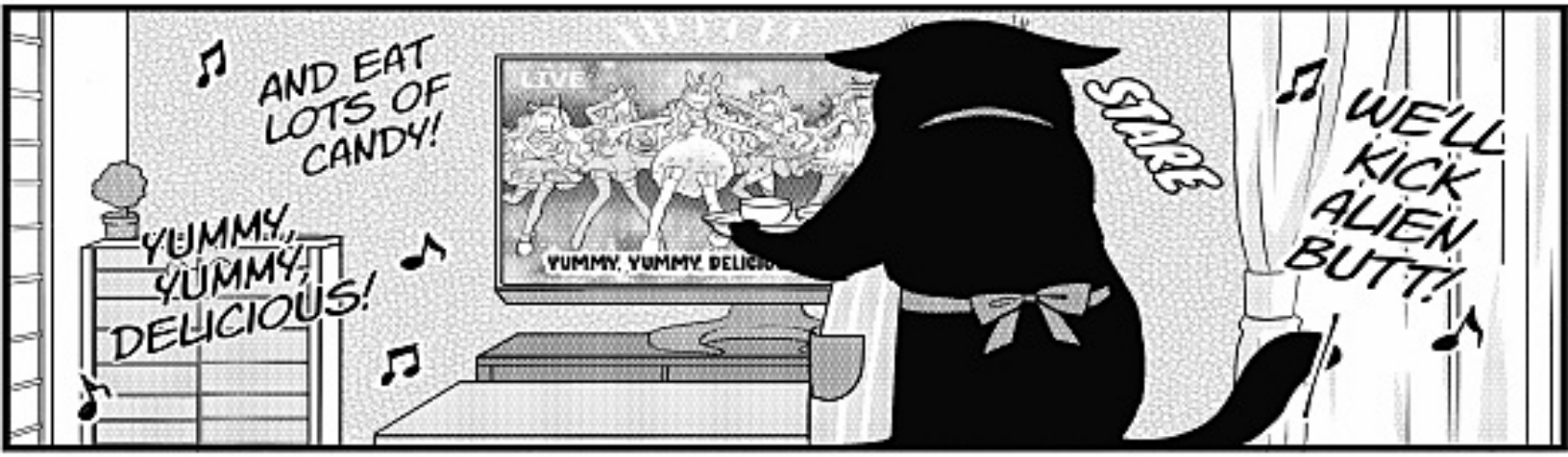
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
LET'S GO LIVE IN THE PARK TOGETHER AGAIN SOMETIME!!

"I WONDER IF IT'LL GROW AS BIG AS YUKICHI?" SHE WONDERED, AND FOR A MOMENT SHE CONSIDERED RAISING THE KITTEN HERSELF JUST TO FIND OUT.

CAN 20 END

The Masterful Cat is Depressed Again, Today

I'M JUST ... ♪
AN IDOL FROM THE SEA! ♪
THEY SAY I'M A SEA ANGEL BUT... ♪
I'M NOT FROM HEAVEN! ♫


AND EAT LOTS OF CANDY!
YUMMY, YUMMY, DELICIOUS!
LIVE
YUMMY, YUMMY, DELICIO
START
WE'LL KICK ALIEN BUTT!

UMYU-Sea!!
UMYU-Sea!!
TWO, THREE...
UMYU-
SEA SLUG SQUAD!!
GO!!

I SEE UMYU-SEA IS ON AGAIN.
BRUSH BRUSH
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD

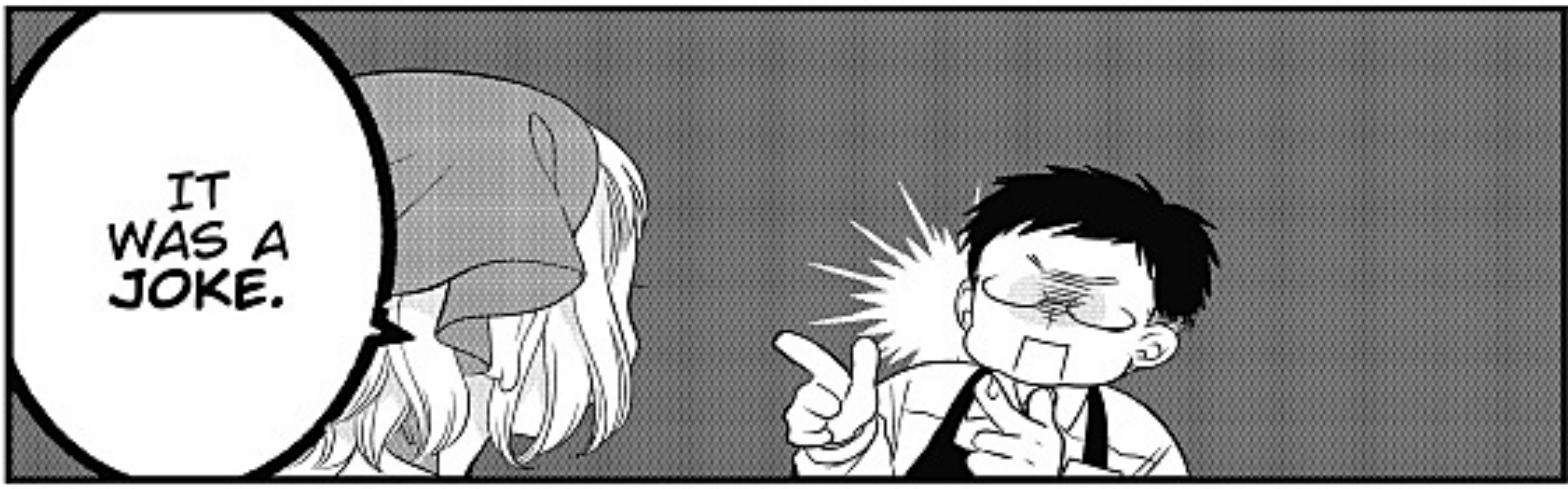
'CAUSE MY FAVORITE FOOD IS YOUR SMILE!
STOMP
STOMP
EVEN IF YOU'RE PICKY, THAT'S OKAY!

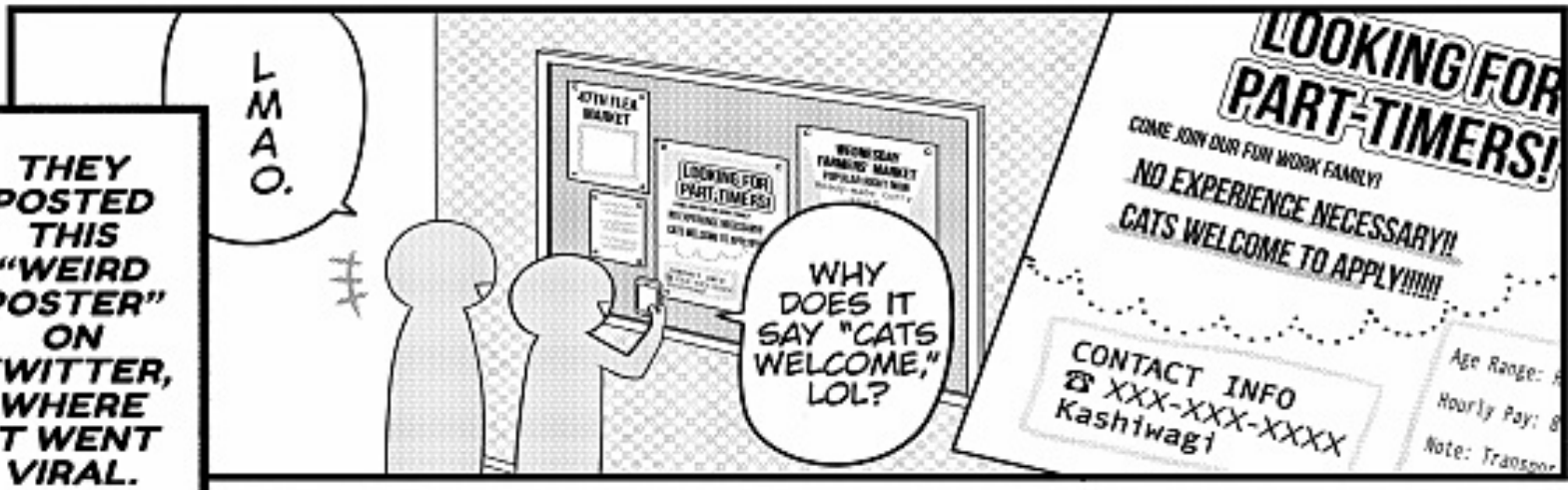
LET'S GET COOKING!
EVERY DAY WE'RE COOKING!
CLICK
SLAP
WE'RE SEA SLUGS!
WE'RE NOT ANGELS!

NO WAY AM I DELETING IT!

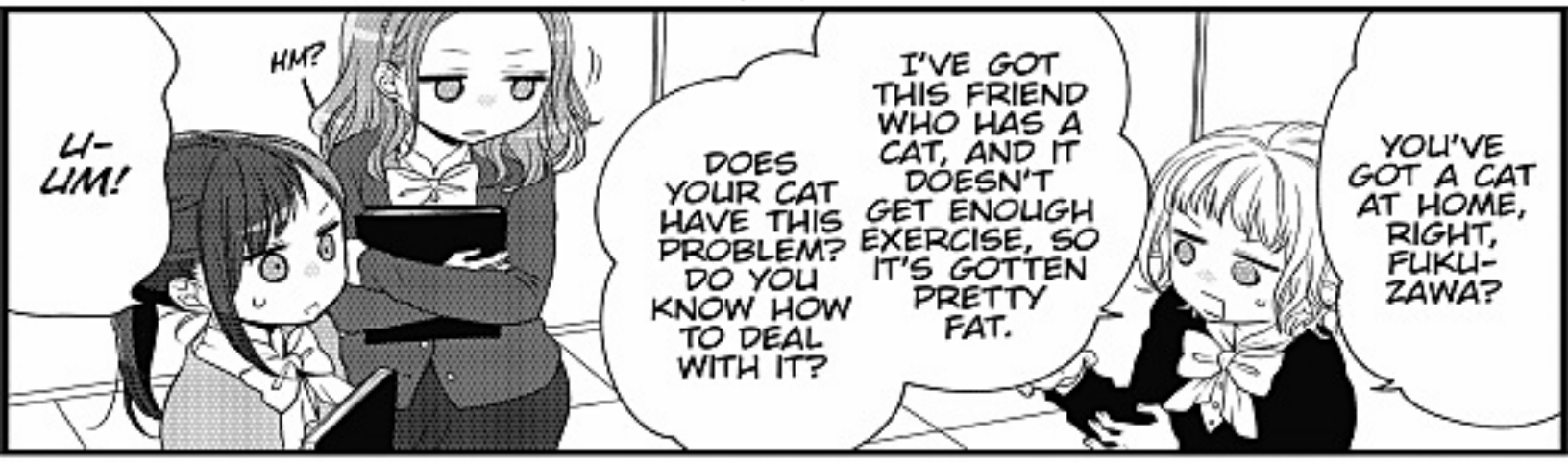
SEEMS IRRESPONSIBLE FOR A FOOD STORE MANAGER TO SAY THAT, BUT OKAY...
HOW HE SEES YUKICHI
YOU DON'T SUPPOSE THAT CAT WOULD COME WORK FOR US...?

WHY DON'T YOU JUST PUT UP A "CAT HELP WANTED" POSTER, THEN?
I WISH HE'D COME EVERY DAY!
HE'S LIKE A REAL-LIFE LUCKY CAT!
WHENEVER THAT CAT COMES BY THE STORE, THERE'S AN UPTICK IN SALES THAT DAY.


IT WAS A JOKE.


THEY POSTED THIS "WEIRD POSTER" ON TWITTER, WHERE IT WENT VIRAL.
LMAO.
WHY DOES IT SAY "CATS WELCOME," LOL?
LOOKING FOR PART-TIMERS!
COME JOIN OUR FUN WORK FAMILY!
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!
CATS WELCOME TO APPLY!!!!!!
CONTACT INFO
☎ XXX-XXX-XXXX
Kashiwagi

EXERCISE


HM?
U-UM!
DOES YOUR CAT HAVE THIS PROBLEM? DO YOU KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH IT?
I'VE GOT THIS FRIEND WHO HAS A CAT, AND IT DOESN'T GET ENOUGH EXERCISE, SO IT'S GOTTEN PRETTY FAT.
YOU'VE GOT A CAT AT HOME, RIGHT, FUKUZAWA?

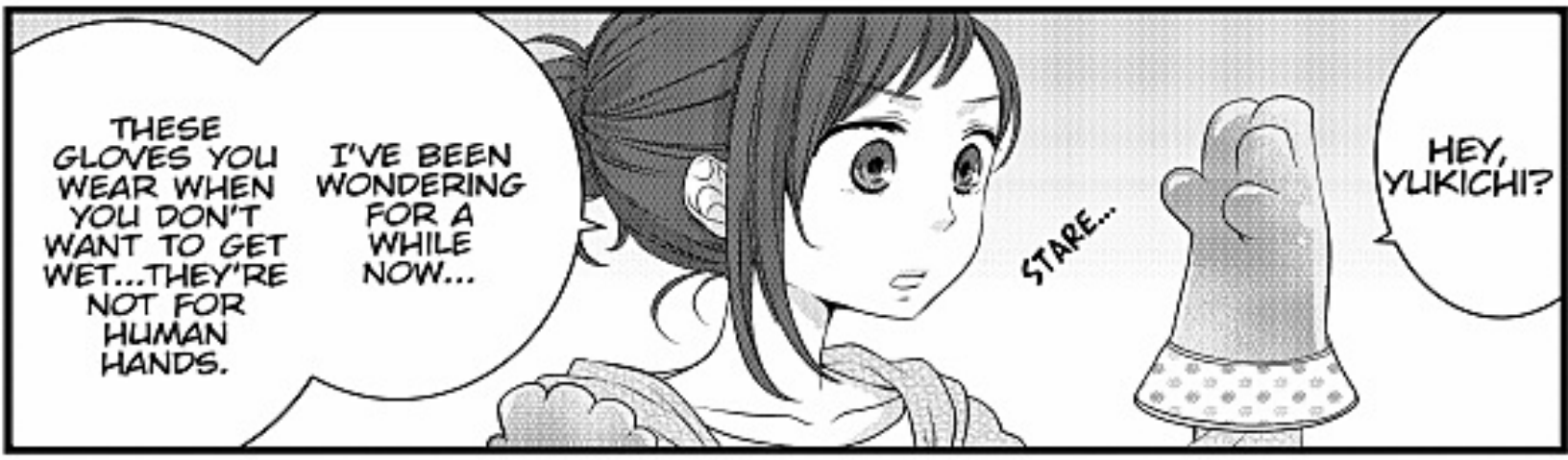
CRASH
CLATTER
CRASH
UH-HUH.
DO YOU BUY A TON OF TOYS AND PLAY WITH THEM A LOT?
YURI

WHAT ARE YOU, THE CATBUS?
CREAK
CREAK
UH-HUH.
OR DO YOU HAVE A CAT TOWER FOR THEM TO CLIMB?

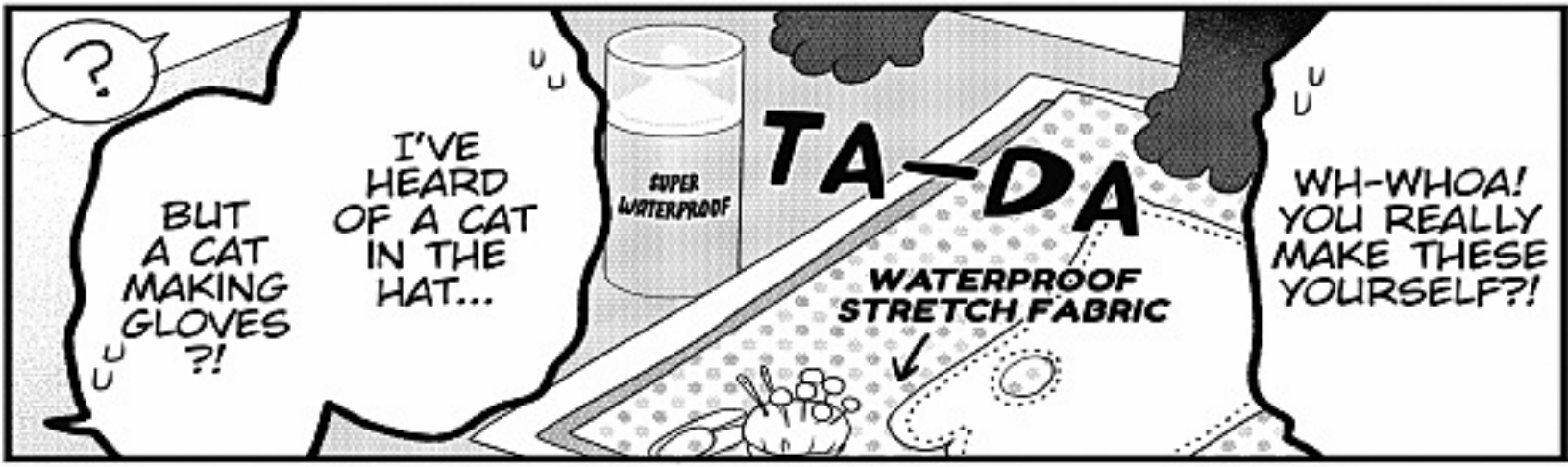
?!
IS THAT REALLY OKAY?!
DO YOU JUST LEAVE YOUR DOOR OPEN?!
MY CAT GOES OUTSIDE WHENEVER HE WANTS, AND SOMEHOW EVERYTHING TURNS OUT OKAY.
NAH.
NO, NOT REALLY.

INSTINCT

THROB
THROB
YUKICHI, DO WE HAVE ANY COMPRESSES?
MAN, MY SHOULDERS HAVE BEEN REALLY STIFF LATELY.
YOUR PAWS ARE NICE AND WARM~!
OOH, THAT'S A GOOD STRETCH.
STREEETCH
!!
WHOOOA, THAT FEELS AMAZING!
YOU COULD BE A REAL MASSEUR, YUKICHI.
GAH!
MM, LITTLE HARDER.
YEAH, THAT'S THE STUFF.
I KNOW IT'S INSTINCT, BUT PLEASE !!
SHNK
CLAWS! YOUR CLAWS!!
OUCH!


THESE GLOVES YOU WEAR WHEN YOU DON'T WANT TO GET WET...THEY'RE NOT FOR HUMAN HANDS.
I'VE BEEN WONDERING FOR A WHILE NOW...
STARE...
HEY, YUKICHI?

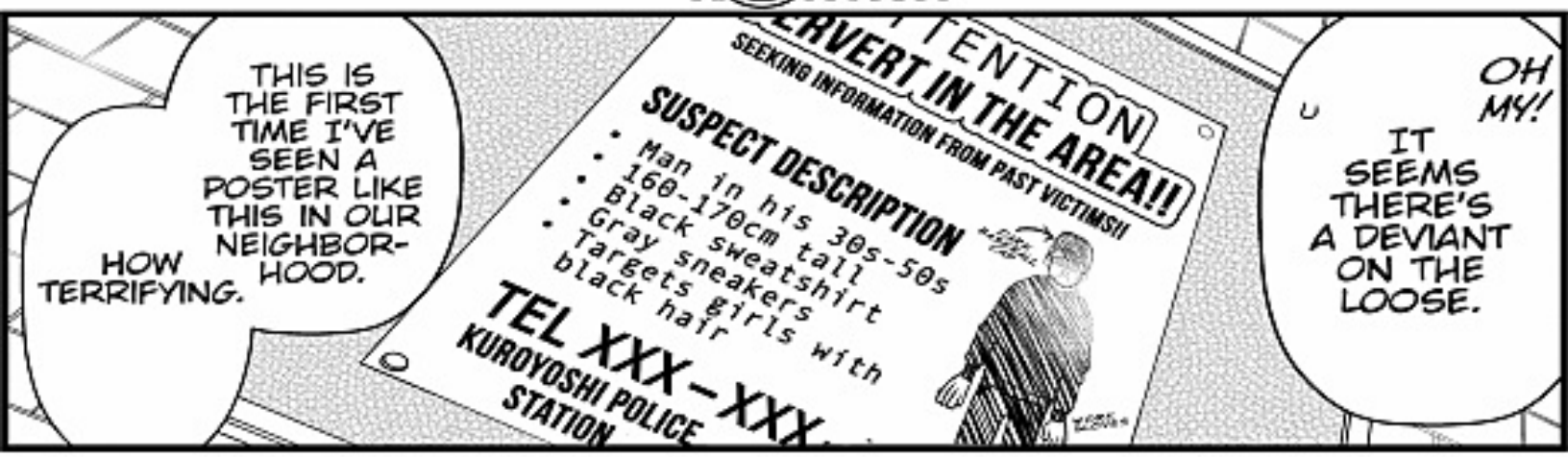
NO WAY.
WHICH WOULD MEAN...
RIIIP
SHAKE SHAKE
THEY DON'T SELL THESE IN STORES, DO THEY?


?
BUT A CAT MAKING GLOVES ?!
I'VE HEARD OF A CAT IN THE HAT...
SUPER WATERPROOF
TA-DA
WATERPROOF STRETCH FABRIC
WH-WHOA! YOU REALLY MAKE THESE YOURSELF?!

A SPECIALTY STORE FOR GIANT CAT CLOTHING!
YOU SHOULD JUST OPEN A STORE ALREADY!
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
WHOA, IS THIS A PATTERN?
YOU EVEN MADE A PATTERN FOR IT?

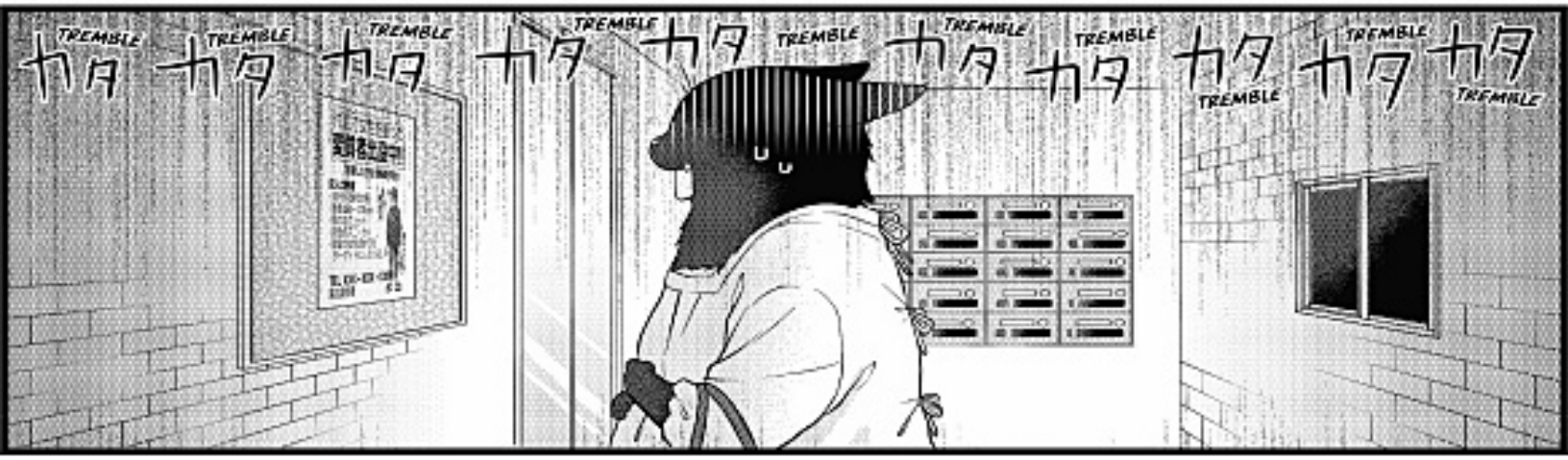
THIS ILLUSTRATION IS FROM THE "WHAT JOB DO YOU WANT YUKICHI TO DO?!" EVENT HELD ON NICO NICO SEIGA, CELEBRATING THE RELEASE OF THIS MANGA'S FIRST VOLUME. THE THEME FOR THIS ONE IS, "NURSERY SCHOOL TEACHER."

The Masterful Cat is Depressed Again, Today


THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A POSTER LIKE THIS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
HOW TERRIFYING.
ATTENTION
PERVERT IN THE AREA!!
SEEKING INFORMATION FROM PAST VICTIMS!!
SUSPECT DESCRIPTION
• Man in his 30s-50s
• 160-170cm tall
• Black sweatshirt
• Gray sneakers
• Targets girls with black hair
TEL XXX-XXX-XXX
KUROYOSHI POLICE STATION
OH MY!
IT SEEMS THERE'S A DEVIANT ON THE LOOSE.

I HOPE THEY CATCH THIS MAN SOON...
YOU CAN'T EXACTLY GO AND PICK HER UP FROM THE STATION, AFTER ALL.
WILL SHE BE ALL RIGHT?
SAKU-CHAN COMES HOME RATHER LATE, DOESN'T SHE?

WELL, TAKE CARE.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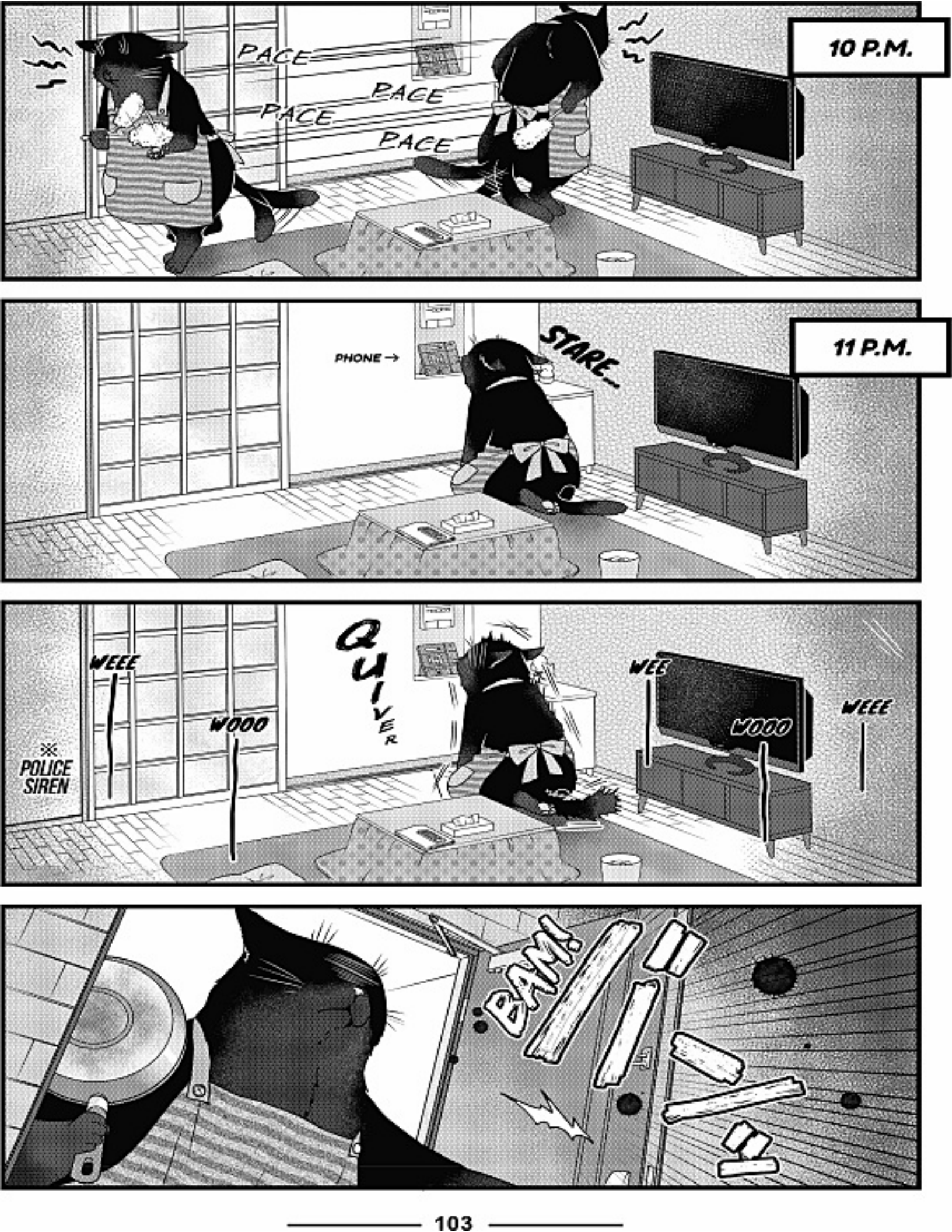
THE CATSUIT GUY HAS BEEN COMING AROUND A LOT, LATELY.
THUD
WELCOME.

I THINK THE BOSS WARNED US ABOUT IT THIS MORNING.
AH YEAH, I DID HEAR ABOUT SOME CREEP TARGETING WOMEN LATELY.
BEEP
BEEP
A PERSONAL ALARM?
PEPPER SPRAY?

THANK YOU. HAVE A NICE DAY.

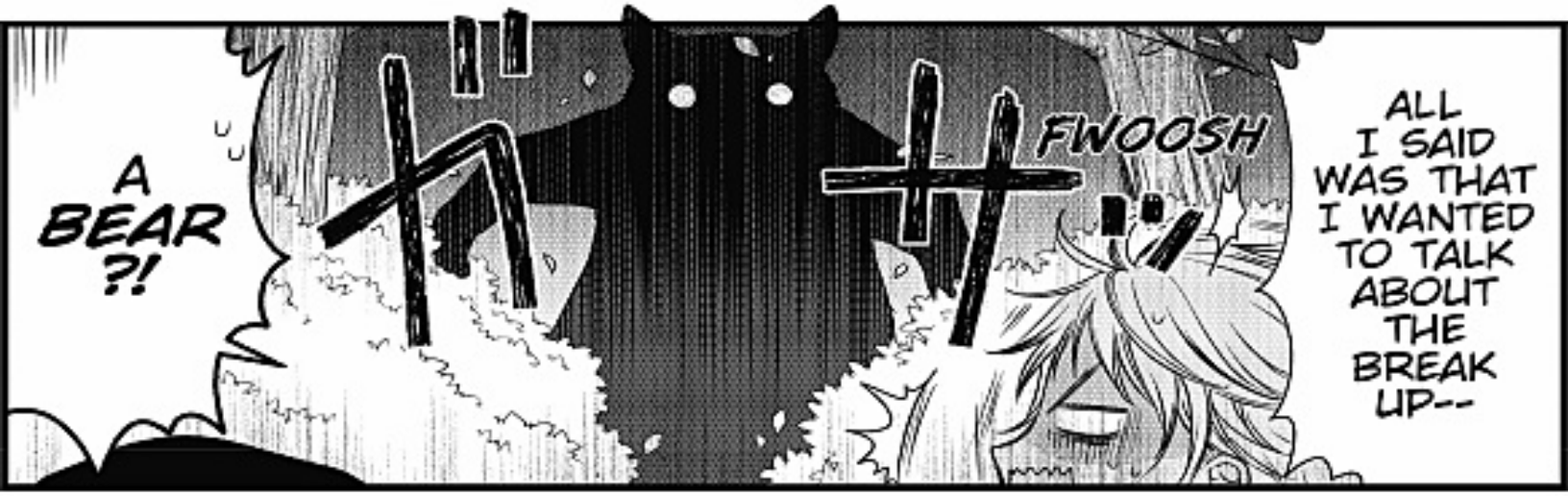
FOR SOME REASON I'D ALWAYS THOUGHT IT'D BE SOME MIDDLE-AGED DUDE!
WAIT...
SO THEN THE PERSON IN THE COSTUME ...
IS A WOMAN?


10 P.M.
PACE
PACE
PACE
PACE
11 P.M.
PHONE →
STARE...
WEEE
WOOO
※ POLICE SIREN
QUIVER
WEE
WOOO
WEEE
BAM!

GLANCE
GLANCE

!!
H-HEY, WHAT --?!
AHHH!

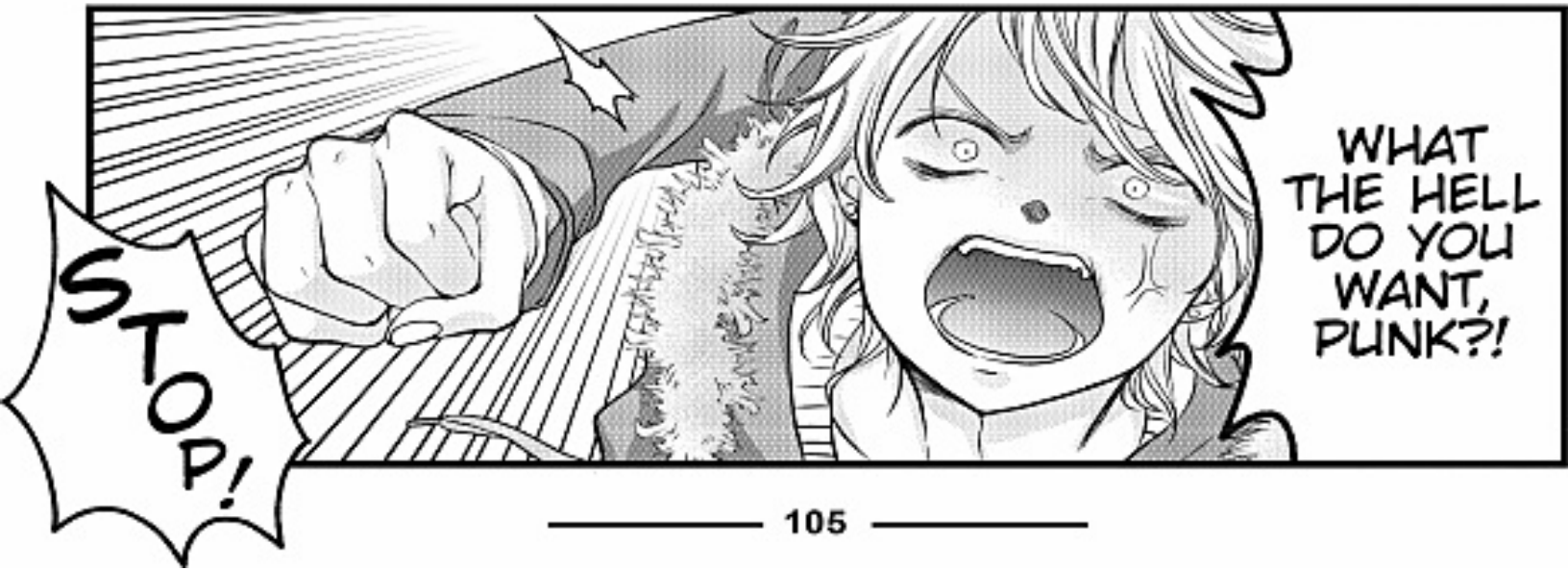
WHY ARE YOU SCREAM-ING, RIO?!
S-SOME-BODY, HELP ME!!


A BEAR ?!
FWOOSH
ALL I SAID WAS THAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE BREAK UP--

CAT-SAN?!
!!
CATS DON'T GET THAT BIG, YOU IDIOT!!

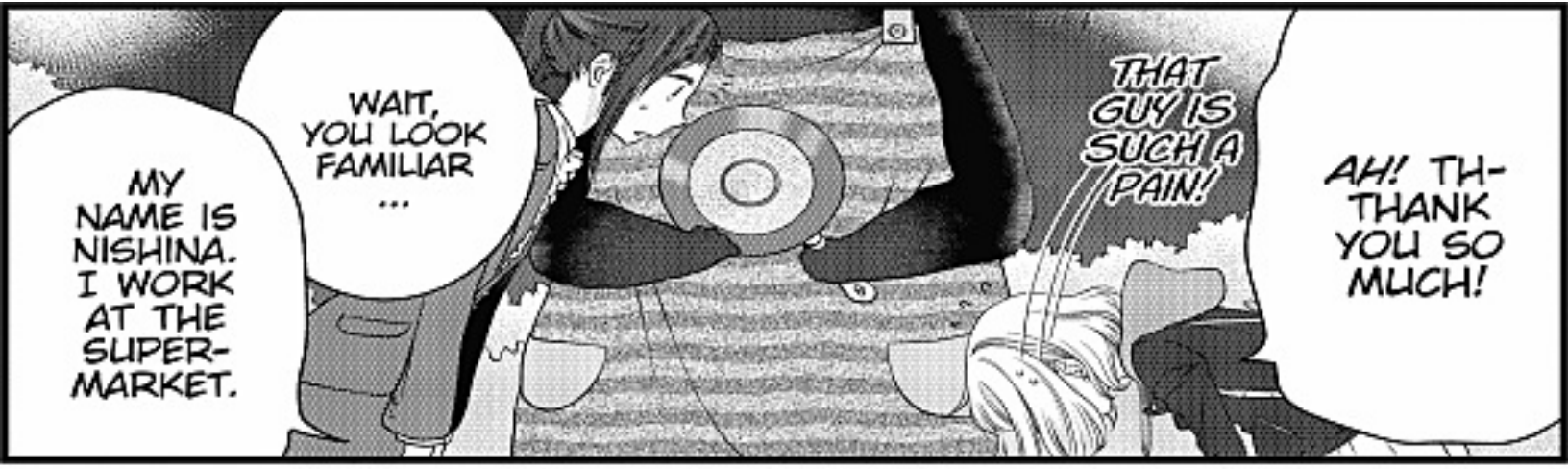
YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, DON'T GET TO CALL ME AN IDIOT!
THIS IS EXACTLY WHY I DUMPED YOU!
SNATCH
SHUT UP!
JUST COME WITH ME, ALL RIGHT ?!

SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
PEPPER SPRAY
HUH ?!


WHAT THE HELL DO YOU WANT, PUNK?!
STOP!

WHOOSH
HUH?!
GRAB
SLAM
NRGH!!

I GOT THE WHOLE THING ON VIDEO. NOW, EITHER YOU GET OUT OF HERE AND NEVER SHOW YOUR FACE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AGAIN...
OR, IF YOU'D RATHER NOT, I'M HAPPY TO ESCORT YOU TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION.
OWW!! WHAT THE HELL, MAN?! I'LL KILL YOU!!
BEEP
GRIP
CRACKLE
SHUT UP! JUST COME WITH ME!
HUH?! WHAT THE HELL DO YOU WANT, PUNK?!
CRACKLE
LIKE I'M EVER COMING BACK!
FWOOM
.....
SPIN
ARE THE TWO OF YOU HURT? HE GOT AWAY-- IS THAT OKAY?
SHOULD I CHASE AFTER HIM?
PHEW! I'M GLAD THAT GUY WAS A TOTAL WUSS!
I WAS WONDERING WHAT THE COMMOTION WAS, BUT I DIDN'T THINK I'D FIND YOU HERE, YUKICHI!


MY NAME IS NISHINA. I WORK AT THE SUPER-MARKET.
WAIT, YOU LOOK FAMILIAR ...
THAT GUY IS SUCH A PAIN!
AH! TH-THANK YOU SO MUCH!

UM, SO...ARE THE TWO OF YOU... ACQUAIN-TED?
OH NO! I'M SUPER RUSTY, ACTUALLY.
?!
?!
WHAT ARE YOU?
YOU'RE REALLY STRONG!

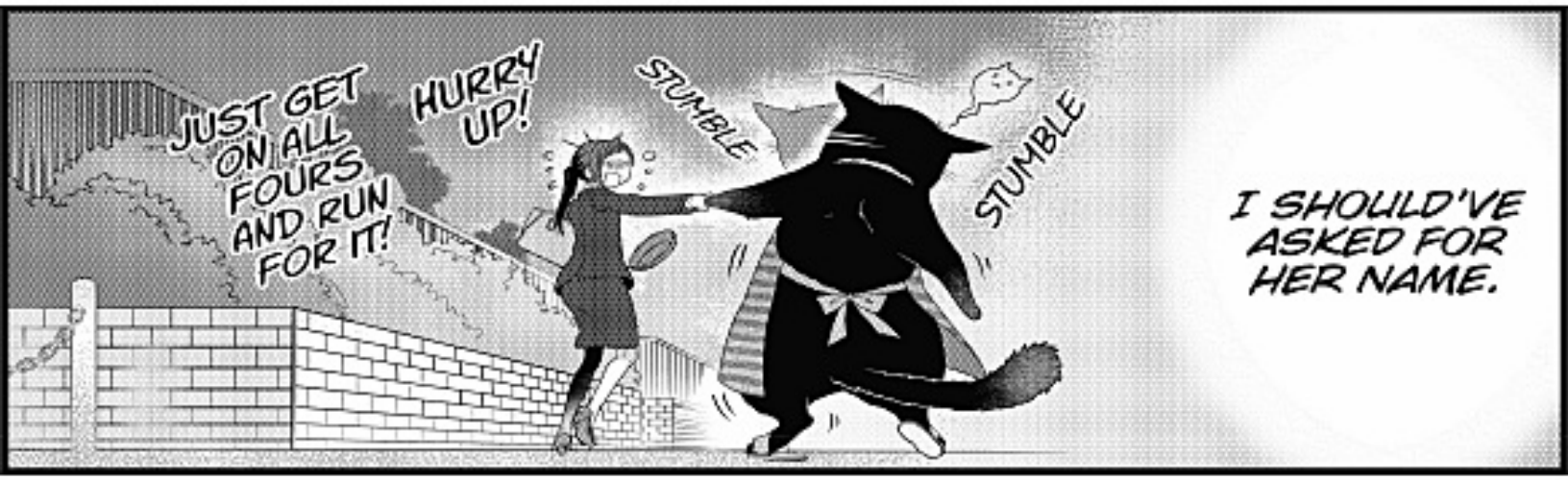
FLINCH
YUKICHI!! RUN! OR, I MEAN, GO HOME!!
ACK! IS THAT THE POLICE?! ARE THE POLICE COMING?!
YES, THEY'RE A REGULAR AT THE SUPER-MAR--
WEE
WEE
WOO

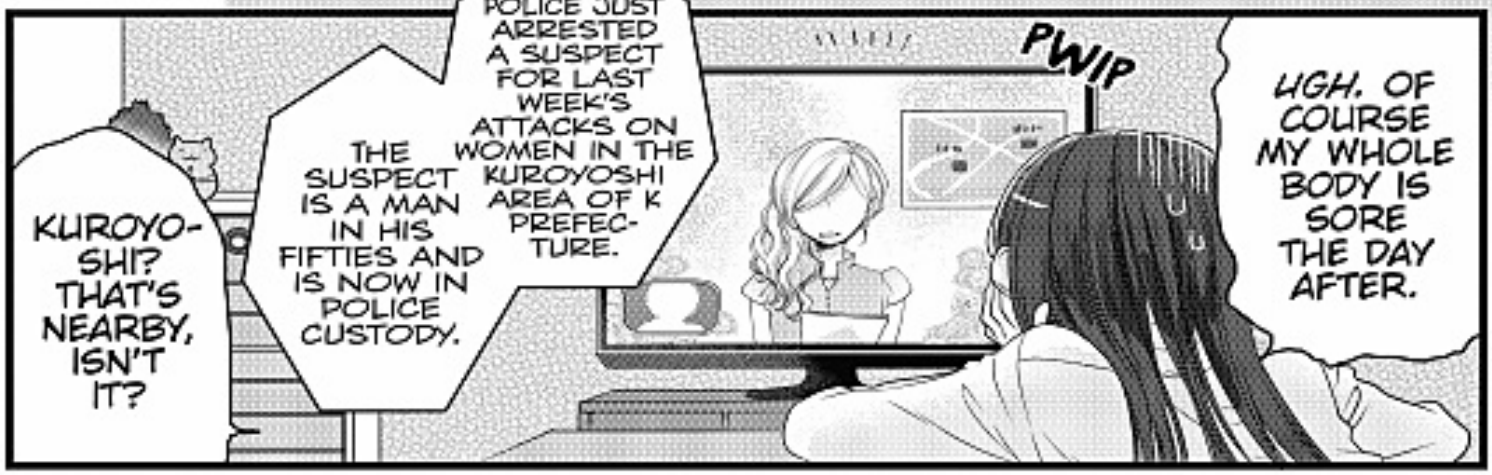
YUKICHI! LET'S GO!!
THANK YOU!! WE'LL BE LEAVING, THEN!!
Y-YEAH!
THE CAT MIGHT COMPLICATE THINGS, SO YOU GO ON AHEAD.
IT'S OKAY, I'LL STAY HERE AND TELL THEM IT WAS JUST A FIGHT BETWEEN ME AND MY BOYFRIEND.
AH! DO YOU LIVE NEAR HERE, NISHINA-SAN?

WOO
WEE
TMP
TMP
TMP

SCREECH
DOH!

SHOOT.


JUST GET ON ALL FOURS AND RUN FOR IT!
HURRY UP!
STUMBLE
STUMBLE
I SHOULD'VE ASKED FOR HER NAME.


KUROYO-SHI? THAT'S NEARBY, ISN'T IT?
THE SUSPECT IS A MAN IN HIS FIFTIES AND IS NOW IN POLICE CUSTODY.
POLICE JUST ARRESTED A SUSPECT FOR LAST WEEK'S ATTACKS ON WOMEN IN THE KUROYOSHI AREA OF K PREFECTURE.
PWIP
UGH. OF COURSE MY WHOLE BODY IS SORE THE DAY AFTER.

HEY, ARE YOU OKAY? YOU'VE BEEN SULKING IN THE CORNER FOR A WHILE NOW.
WAS USELESS.
WAIT.
IS THIS WHY YOU CAME OUT TO PICK ME UP LAST NIGHT?
THE VICTIMS WERE ALL WOMEN, AND NONE OF THEM KNEW THE SUSPECT PERSONALLY.

I'M FINE! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
JEEZ! IT REALLY MESSED YOU UP THAT BAD, HUH?
OOF!
THWUMP
.....

SOOO, WHAT'S FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
THAT SURE PERKED YOU UP, HA HA!
GRIP
SWOOSH!
BUT Y'KNOW, ALL THAT EXERCISE REALLY MAKES A GIRL HUNGRY ...
AH!

THE NEXT DAY

CAN 22 END

TO BE CONTINUED...
IN VOLUME 3!!

A GRACIOUS HUMAN CAME AND OFFERED THOSE WORDS TO ME.

IF YOU'VE GOT NOWHERE ELSE TO GO, WHY NOT COME HOME WITH ME?

IT SNOWED THAT NIGHT. UNUSUAL FOR THAT TIME OF YEAR.

BONUS YUKICHI ENTERS THE FUKUZAWA HOUSE

I'D ALREADY PREPARED TO ACCEPT MY FATE AND HAD LAID DOWN TO DIE.

I WAS JUST A FILTHY STRAY CAT.

WHAT SHOULD I NAME YOU? HMM. HOW ABOUT YUKICHI?

BUT WHEN I HEARD THAT STRANGE NAME...A NAME THIS HUMAN GAVE TO ME ON A WHIM...

IT WAS LIKE A MAGICAL FORCE THAT TIED ME ONCE MORE TO THIS EARTH.

I CAME TO UNDERSTAND THAT I WAS TO BE HER PET.

DOES SHE LIVE IN THIS TRASH PILE???
I ADMIT THIS IS WARMER AND SAFER THAN OUTSIDE, BUT...
WELCOME TO MY HUMBLE ABODE!
CREEEAK
BUT CLEARLY, I HAD MISUNDERSTOOD.
BECAUSE THIS HUMAN BROUGHT ME INTO A GARBAGE DUMP.
KA-CHAK
I BET YOU'RE HUNGRY, HUH?
KITTENS DRINK MILK, RIGHT?
BUMP
THIS HUMAN ...
IS A DISASTER !!
KA-CLUNK
LET'S JUST PRETEND WE DIDN'T SEE THAT...
HM? WHEN DID I PUT DRIED SQUID IN THE FRIDGE...? OHHH, IT'S MACKEREL! HA!
DO I HAVE ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN EAT...?
I'M IN DANGER.
GUESS IT'S CHEESE NOW?
IT'S A SOLID NOW... AND YELLOW!
UHHH... THIS MILK EXPIRED THREE MONTHS AGO.
?!

WATCH OUT!!

WOBBLE

WAIT, YUKICHI! DON'T--!

I MUST FLEE...!

BWSH

TWUMP TWUMP

ARE YOU OKAY?!

--CHI ...?

YUKICHI!

THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL.

.....

SORRY! I'VE JUST BEEN SO BUSY LATELY, I LET THINGS GET A LITTLE MESSY AROUND HERE...

CLATTER CLATTER

TH-THIS HUMAN...

OH THANK GOD! ARE YOU HURT?

OWW...

PUT HERSELF IN HARM'S WAY... FOR ME?

KER-CHUNK
MUCH LESS THE ENERGY...
THOSE ARE THE EYES OF A HUMAN WHO BARELY HAS ENOUGH ENERGY FOR THEM-SELVES.
EVEN A STRAY CAT KNOWS...
TO CARE FOR SOMEONE ELSE.
!
I'LL RUN OUT AND GET SOME CAT FOOD, SO SIT TIGHT, OKAY?
WITH DARK CIRCLES UNDER HER EYES.
EEK!
SHE WALKED OUT INTO THE SNOW...
YUKICHI'S HOME
AH!
I FELL ASLEEP? ME...?
WHEN...?

.....!
ZZZ...
BWSH
CLANG
CLANG
SO WHY AM I THE ONE GETS TO SLEEP IN A BED?
AH-CHOO!
I'M NOTHING BUT A FREE-LOADER...
YOU SHOULD HAVE...
LEFT THIS STRAY KITTEN WHERE YOU FOUND HIM.
SNIFF
SNIFF
SHE DOESN'T ALWAYS SLEEP LIKE THIS... DOES SHE?!
ZZZ...
AND WHAT ARE THOSE SORRY EXCUSES FOR A PILLOW AND BLANKET?

CRAP!
I'M GONNA BE LATE!!
BRRRING
BRRRING
BRRRING
JOLT
※HER ALARM.
NOW, HOW SHALL I REPAY THIS HUMAN...
FOR ONE NIGHT'S STAY?
?!
EEEK!!
AH, IT MUST BE AN IDEAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THEM TO PASS THE WINTER IN.
OH GOD THERE'S A C-C-COCKROACH IN THE T-T-TUB!!
BAM
OH NO, I SLEPT IN MY SUIT!!
MORNING, YUKICHI!
SORRY, I NEED TO GET TO WORK!
STOMP
STOMP
I NEED TO SHOWER, TOO...
BANG
YAWN
CLUNK
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
FEBREEZE, WHERE'S THE FEBREEZE...

Y...
YOU...
WHEEZE!
WHEEZE!
WHAT DO I DO?!
WHICH PILE DID I LEAVE THE BUG SPRAY IN?!
I'M GONNA BE LATE!!
EEEEEEE!
WHAP
BWAAAAH!
YOU'RE A SAINT!
NO, I AM A CAT.
I SEE.
SO THIS HUMAN IS TERRIFIED OF BUGS.
PCHAAAA
SLAM
AH, RIGHT! SHOWER! TH-TH-THANKS, YUKICHI!

YUKICHI ENTERS THE FUKUZAWA HOUSE END

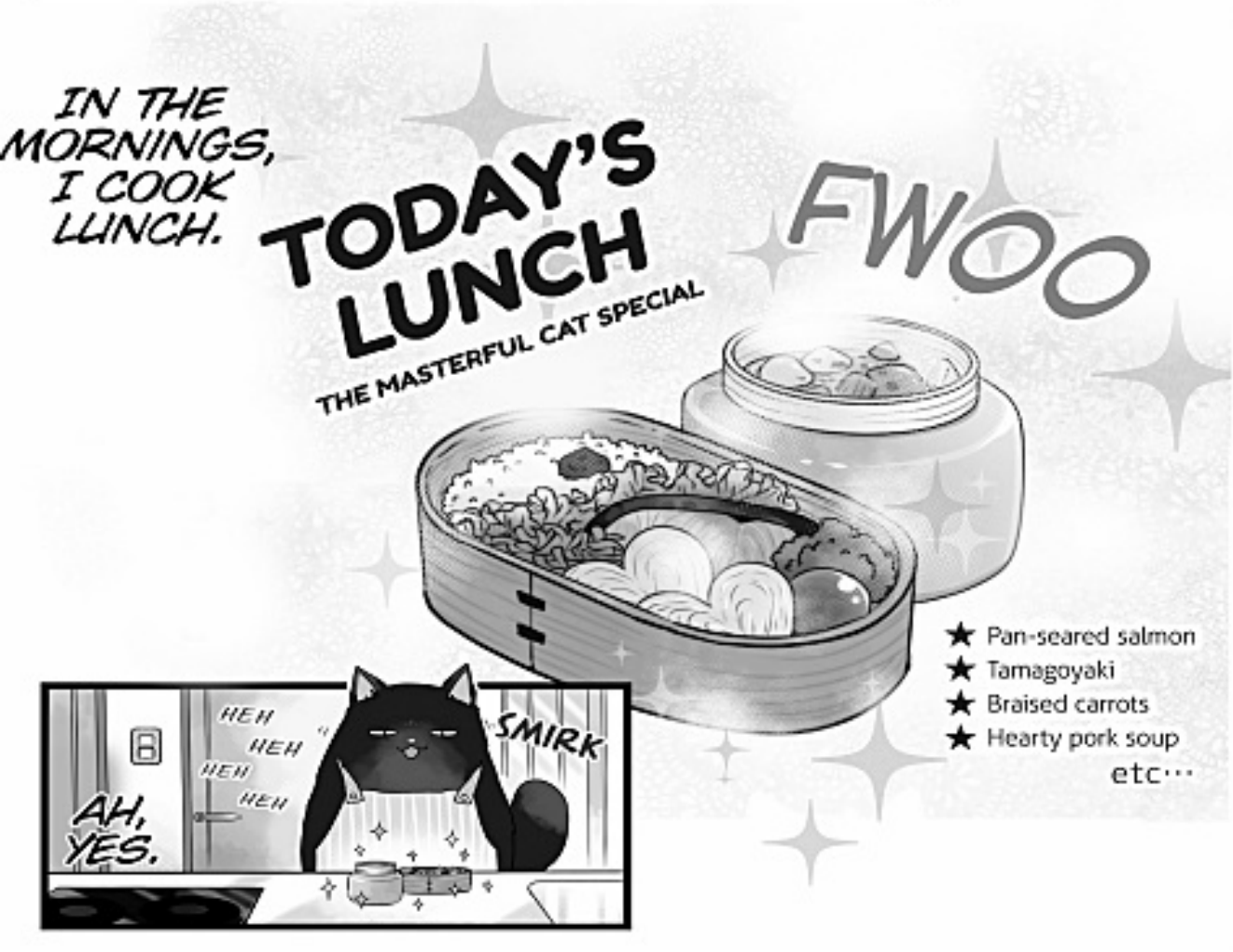
THE STORY OF HOW THEY MET

I REALLY WANTED TO DRAW THE STORY OF THEIR FIRST FATEFUL ENCOUNTER. HOPE I CAN DO IT AGAIN IN VOLUME 3!

STARTING FROM THE NEXT PAGE IS THE SECOND CHAPTER IN THE ORIGINAL MASTERFUL CAT SERIES THAT I DREW A LONG TIME AGO, BACK WHEN I WAS STILL DOING THIS AS A HOBBY. IT CONTINUES WHERE THE CHAPTER IN VOLUME 1 LEFT OFF.

Let's go to the next page!!

A MASTERFUL CAT'S MORNING STARTS BRIGHT AND EARLY.



GRUMBLE
AHHH.
I CAN'T GO TO WORK TODAY.
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
THE BED IS HOLDING ME PRISONER.
GRUMBLE
GLOOOOOM...
DOOM
DOOM

TODAY, AND ALL DAYS...
I AM A MASTERFUL CAT.
MY HUMAN, ON THE OTHER HAND...

GAH!!
FWIP
THAT'S HOT!!
PSHAA
I AM A CAT.
YOU'RE A MONSTER!

FSSHH
SCRUB SCRUB

AHHHHH.
CAN'T DO IT. I BLAME THE BED.
SHE IS LITTERLY HOPELESS!!
SHWSH

FINALLY WOKE UP.

SO GOOOOD!

MM~!

YOU REALLY ARE A MASTERFUL CAT, YUKICHI!

BUT I MUST ENDURE ...

AND WORK TIRELESSLY ...

KITTY MAGNET TUNA MADE WITH REAL TUNA

ALL FOR THAT CAN OF FOOD!!

YOU'LL NEED THE ENERGY TO WORK HARD AND BRING HOME THE--

AHH.

IT'S LIKE I'VE DIED AND GONE TO HEAVEN... AND...

THIS IS AMAZING.

HEH HEH HEH HEH!

SMIRK...

YES, YES.

EAT UP.

GLOMP
I WANNA STAY HERE FOREVER!!
RUB
RUB
RUB
RUB
RUB
RUB
I JUST WANNA RUB YOUR FLUFFY BELLY!
I DON'T WANNA LEAVE!! I DON'T WANNA GO TO WORK!!
WAAH!
EXCUSE ME?!
VRZZZ VRZZZ
ALARM
07:25
AH!
PERHAPS IT'S TIME TO LEAVE...
AND FIND SOMEONE ELSE WHO--
TODAY'S PAYDAY, SO WHEN I GET HOME...
OH YEAH, YUKICHI.
THIS HUMAN...
TWITCH
MAN, IT'S ALREADY TIME FOR THE BUS?
TWITCH
IS SHE...
BEYOND SAVING?

CHEERS!

OKAY, BYE!
KER-CLUNK
KA-CHAK
!

LET'S GET SOME CANS AND CELEBRATE ♡
GRIN

I SUPPOSE...
I'LL STAY A LITTLE LONGER.

HMPH.
WELL.
IN THAT CASE...

THAT NIGHT.
HRMPH!
SNOOORE!

end

AFTERWORD

NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN! THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING VOLUME 2 OF THIS SERIES.

THANK YOU ALL FOR SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS ON THE FIRST VOLUME! I'M TERRIBLY SORRY THAT IT'S BEEN SO DIFFICULT TO GET YOUR HANDS ON A COPY, BUT THANKS TO ALL OF YOUR PRAISE AND SUPPORT, WE WERE NOMINATED FOR THE TSUGI NI KURU MANGA AWARDS FOR 2019!! I AM SO, SO GRATEFUL.

TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION, I KNEW I HAD TO GET ANOTHER VOLUME OUT. I HOPE WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN IN VOLUME 3!

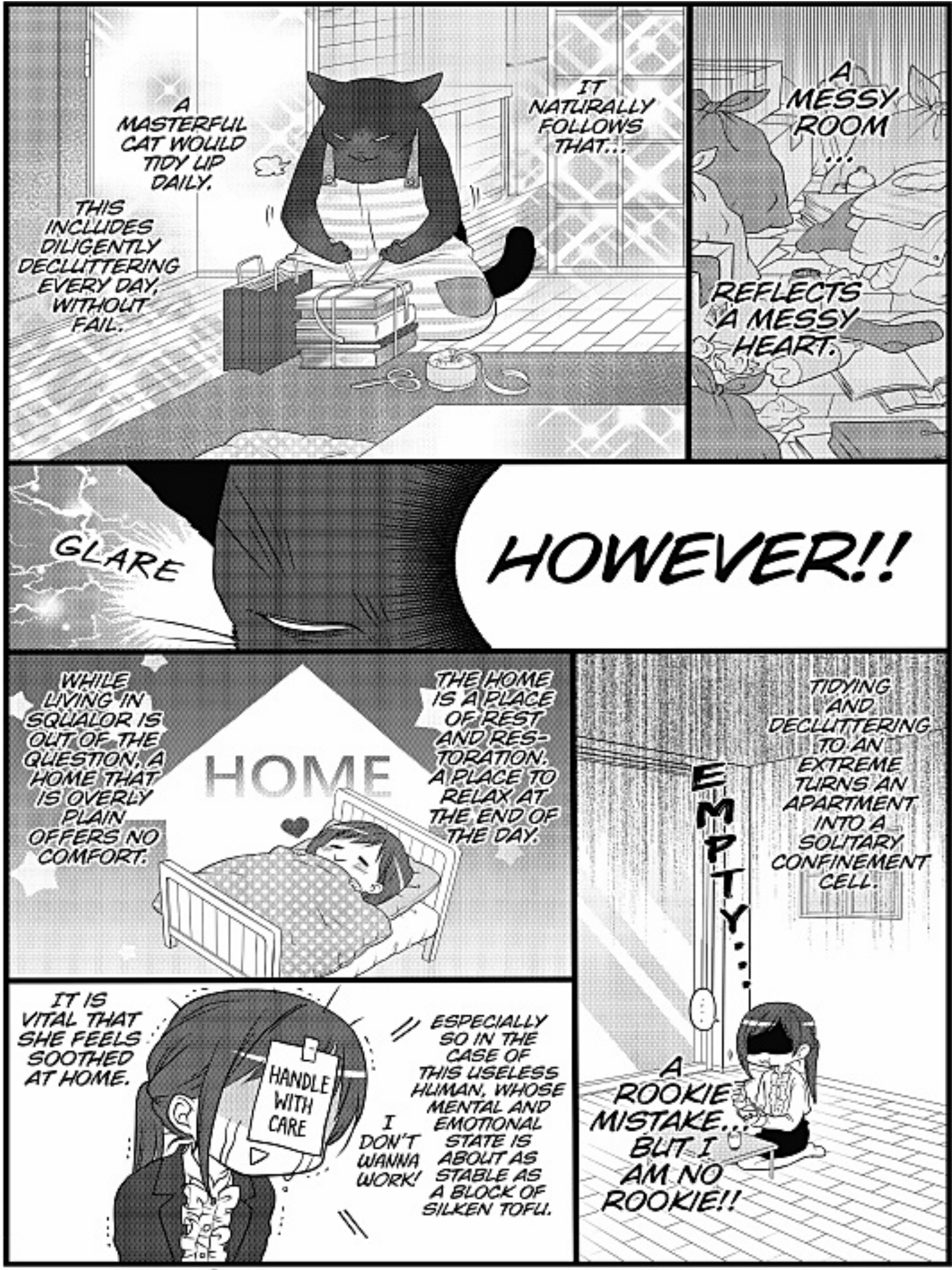
HITSUZI YAMADA

The Masterful Cat is Depressed Again, Today

Cooking
Everyday

Always
I love Egg
No Life No Cook

The Masterful Cat is Depressed Again Today


A MASTERFUL CAT WOULD TIDY UP DAILY.
THIS INCLUDES DILIGENTLY DECLUTTERING EVERY DAY, WITHOUT FAIL.
IT NATURALLY FOLLOWS THAT...
A MESSY ROOM ...
REFLECTS A MESSY HEART.
GLARE
HOWEVER!!
WHILE LIVING IN SQUALOR IS OUT OF THE QUESTION, A HOME THAT IS OVERLY PLAIN OFFERS NO COMFORT.
HOME
THE HOME IS A PLACE OF REST AND RES-TORATION. A PLACE TO RELAX AT THE END OF THE DAY.
TIDYING AND DECLUTTERING TO AN EXTREME TURNS AN APARTMENT INTO A SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CELL.
EMPTY...
A ROOKIE MISTAKE... BUT I AM NO ROOKIE!!
IT IS VITAL THAT SHE FEELS SOOTHED AT HOME.
HANDLE WITH CARE
I DON'T WANNA WORK!
ESPECIALLY SO IN THE CASE OF THIS USELESS HUMAN, WHOSE MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL STATE IS ABOUT AS STABLE AS A BLOCK OF SILKEN TOFU.

HOWEVER!
...
TO THAT END, I HAVE TAKEN GREAT PAINS TO WALK THE LINE BETWEEN CLUTTERED AND HOMEY...
PAYING CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE LIGHTING AND INTERIOR DESIGN.
SNORE
SNORE
だら
SNOOOZE
WHY IS SHE LIKE THIS?!
NOT ONLY HAS THIS FAILED TO IMPROVE HER WORK ETHIC, SHE IS NOW EVEN LAZIER THAN BEFORE.
IT APPEARS THE APARTMENT STILL REQUIRES SOME WORK.
MAYBE TODAY I'LL GO GET SOME AIR FRESHENERS.
C-CAN'T BREATHE!
MRFH!!
THUMP
I'LL TAKE TODAY OFF--
?!
AHH... I MIGHT JUST STAY HERE FOREVER.

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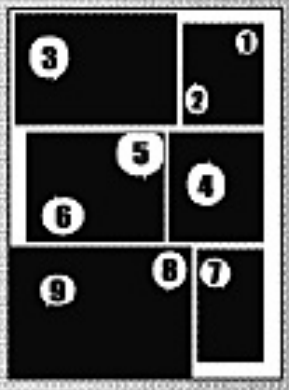

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TEEN (13+)

Saku's boss's niece, Yume-chan, is having a birthday bash and Saku and Yukichi are invited! They can't exactly parade a giant, bipedal cat out in public, but they also don't want to disappoint Yume-chan. How will they get themselves out of this pickle?! There's never a shortage of chaos and confusion in the Fukuzawa household, but at the end of the day, this messy office worker and skillful cat make it work!